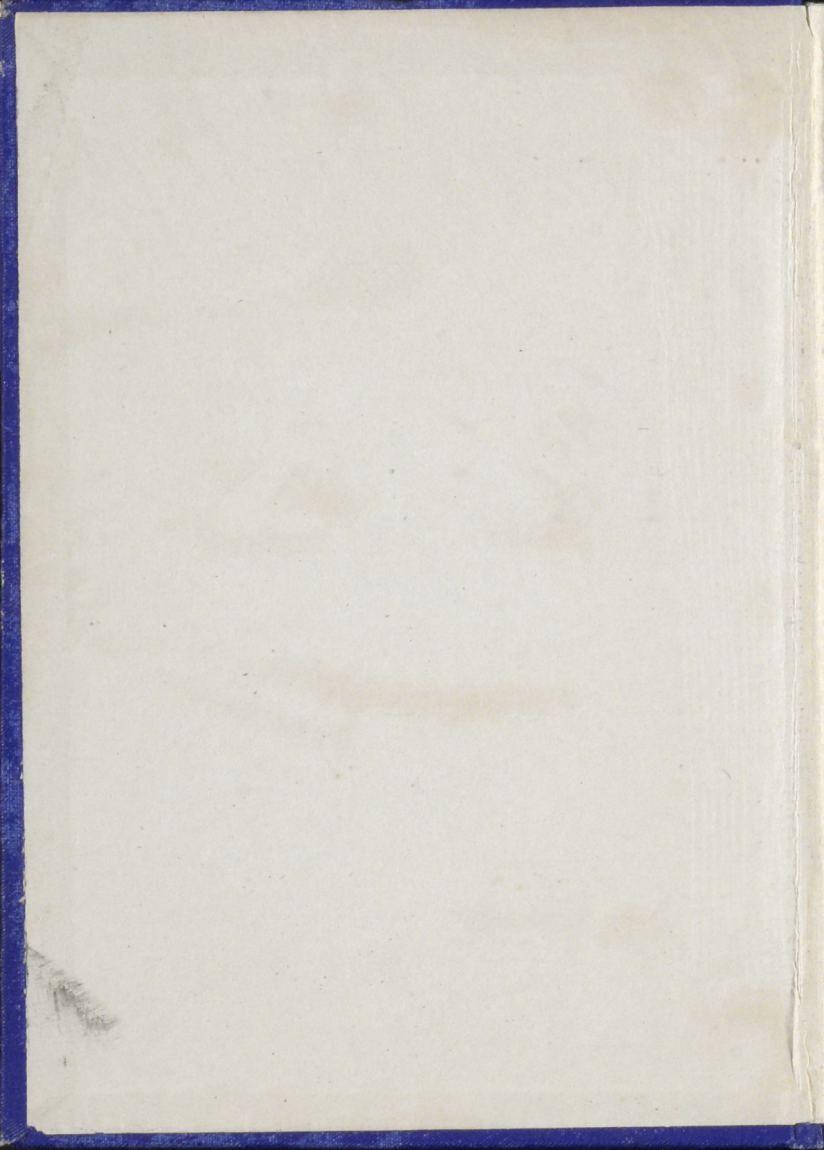


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I, GEORGE MACDONALD, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the Constitution adopted by that body at a Communication specially called for that purpose, held in the City of Calgary on the 10th, 11th and 12th days of April, A.L. 5907, A.D. 1907.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto appended my official signature and affixed the Seal of the Grand Lodge, at the City of Calgary, this Fifteenth day of May, A.L. 5907, A.D. 1907.

George MacDonald

P.G.M.

Grand Secretary.





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THE CHARGES

OF A

FREEMASON

EXTRACTED FROM THE

Antient Records of Lodges Throughout
the World

FOR THE USE OF LODGES



To be Read at the Making
of New Brethren, or When
the Master Shall Order It.



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Charges of a Freemason

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I.—CONCERNING GOD AND RELIGION.

A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understand the art he will never be a stupid atheist, nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that God seeth not as a man seeth; for man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh to the heart. A Mason is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion, or mode of worship, be what it may, he is not excluded from the order, provided he believes in the architect of heaven and earth, and practice the sacred duties of morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion, in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love; they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive by the purity of their own conduct to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Thus Masonry is the center of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

II.—OF THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE, SUPREME AND SUBORDINATE.

A Mason is a peaceful subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior magistrates. He is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority; to uphold on every occasion, the interest of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country. Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace, and been always injured by war, bloodshed and confusion, so that kings and princes in every age have been much disposed to encourage the craftsmen on account of their peaceableness and loyalty, whereby they practically answer the cavils of their adversaries, and promote the honor of the fraternity. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love.

III.—OF LODGES.

A lodge is a place where Freemasons assemble to work and to instruct and to improve themselves in the mysteries of their ancient science. In an extended sense, it applies to persons as well as to place; hence every regular assembly, or duly organized meeting of Masons is called a lodge. Every brother ought to belong to some lodge, and be subject to its by-laws and the general regulations of the Craft. A lodge may be either general or particular, as will be best understood by attending it, and there a knowledge of the established usages and customs of the Craft may be acquired. From ancient times no master or fellow would be absent from his lodge

especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure; unless it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons made Masons and admitted members of a lodge must be good and true men, free born, and of a mature and discreet age and sound judgment, no bondsmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

IV.—OF MASTERS, WARDENS, FELLOWS AND APPRENTICES.

All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only, that so the lords, may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the royal Craft despised; therefore, no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and therefore every brother must attend in his place, and learn them in a way peculiar to this fraternity. Candidates may, nevertheless, know that no Master should take an apprentice, unless he has sufficient employment for him; and unless he is a "perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body," that may render him incapable of learning the art, or serving his master's lord and of being made a brother and then a fellow-craft in due time, after he has served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs; and that he should be descended of honest parents, that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honor of being a warden, and then the master of the lodge, the grand warden, and at length the grand master of all the lodges, according to his merit

No brother can be a warden unless he has passed the part of a fellow-craft, nor a master until he has acted as warden, nor a grand warden until he has been master of a lodge, nor a grand master until he has been fellow-craft before his election, who is also to be notably born or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar or some curious architect, or other artist, descended of honest parents, and who is of singularly great merit in the lodges.

These rulers and governors, supreme and subordinate, of the antient lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective stations by all the brethren, according to the old charges and regulations, with all humility, reverence, love and alacrity.

N.B.—In antient times, no brother, however skilled in the craft, was called a master mason until he had been elected into the chair of the Lodge.

V.—OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CRAFT IN WORKING.

All Masons should work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days; and the time appointed by the law of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the fellow-craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the master, or overseer, of the lord's work, who is to be called master by those that work under him. The craftsmen are to avoid all ill language, and call each other by no disobliging name, but brother or fellow; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the lodge.

The master, knowing himself to be able of cunning, shall undertake the lord's work as reasonably as possible, and truly dispend his goods as if they were his own; nor give more wages to any brother or apprentice than he really may deserve.

Both the master and the mason receiving their wages justly shall be faithful to the lord, and honestly finish their work, whether task or journey; nor put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him nor put him out of his work if he is capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's work so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it.

When the fellow-craftsman is chosen warden of the work under the master, he shall be true both to master and fellows, shall carefully oversee the work in the master's absence, to the lord's profit; and his brethren shall obey him.

All Masons employed shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the Master till the work be finished.

A younger brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment, and for increasing and continuing of brotherly love.

All the tools used in working shall be approved by the grand lodge.

No labourer shall be employed in the proper work of masonry; nor shall freemasons work with those who are not free, without an urgent necessity; nor shall they each laborers or unaccepted masons as they should teach a brother or a fellow.

VI.—OF BEHAVIOUR, VIZ.:

1.—IN THE LODGE WHILE CONSTITUTED.

You are not to hold private committees or separate conversations without leave from the Master, nor to talk of anything impertinently or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens or any brother speaking to the Master; nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; nor use any unbecoming language upon any pretence whatsoever; but to pay due reverence to your Master, Wardens and fellows and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the Lodge who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry them by appeal to the Grand Lodge), to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made; but you must never go to law about what concerneth masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the Lodge.

2.—BEHAVIOUR AFTER THE LODGE IS OVER
AND THE BRETHREN NOT GONE.

You may enjoy yourself with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but

avoiding excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hinder him from going when the occasions call him or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free conversation, for that would blast our harmony and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore, no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the Lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only as Masons of the universal religion above mentioned; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the Lodge nor ever will.

3.—BEHAVIOUR WHEN BRETHREN MEET WITHOUT STRANGERS, BUT NOT IN A LODGE FORMED.

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner as you will be instructed, calling each other brother, freely giving mutual instructions as shall be thought expedient, without being over-seen or overheard, and without encroaching on each other, or derogating from that respect which is due to any brother, were he not a Mason; for though all Masons are as brethren upon the same level, yet Masonry takes no honor from a man that he had before; nay, rather it adds to his honor, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood, who must give honor to whom it is due and avoid ill-manners.

4.—BEHAVIOUR IN PRESENCE OF STRANGERS NOT MASONS.

You should be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger should

not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you may divert a discourse and manage it prudently for the honor of the Worshipful Fraternity.

5.—BEHAVIOUR AT HOME AND IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man, particularly not to let your family, friends and neighbors know the concerns of the Lodge, etc.; but wisely to consult your own honor, and that of your ancient brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health, by not continuing together too late or too long from home after Lodge hours are passed; and by avoiding of gluttony or drunkenness, that your family be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

6.—BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS A STRANGE BROTHER.

You are cautioned to examine him in such a manner as prudence shall direct you, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant, false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine brother, you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in want you must relieve him if you can, or direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability; only to prefer a poor brother and a good man and true before any other people in the same circumstances.

Finally—All these charges you are to observe, and also those that shall be communicated unto you in another way; cultivating brotherly love, the foundation and copestone, the cement and glory of this ancient fraternity; avoiding all wrangling and quarreling, all slander and backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices, so far as is consistent with your honor and safety and no further. And if any of them do you injury, you must apply to your own or his Lodge; and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge, at the annual communication, as has been the ancient laudible conduct of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided; and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of Masters and Fellows, when they would prevent you going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all lawsuits, that so you may find the affair of Masonry with more alacrity and success; but with respect to brothers or fellows at law, the Masters and brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their process of lawsuit without wrath or rancour (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly love and good offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the benign influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

AMEN, SO MOTE IT BE.

SUMMARY OF THE ANTIENT CHARGES AND REGULATIONS TO BE READ BY THE GRAND SECRETARY (OR ACTING SECRETARY) TO THE MASTER-ELECT, PRIOR TO HIS INSTALLATION INTO THE CHAIR OF THE LODGE:

1. You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.
2. You agree to be a peaceful subject and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.
3. You promise not to be concerned in plots or conspiracies against government, but patiently to submit to the decision of the supreme legislature.
4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men.
5. You agree to hold in veneration the original rulers and patrons of the Order of Freemasonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate according to their stations, and to submit to the awards and resolutions of your brethren in general Lodge convened, in every case consistent with the constitution of the Order.
6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels and to guard against intemperance and excess.
7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behaviour, courteous to your brethren and faithful to your Lodge.
8. You promise to respect genuine and true brethren, and to discountenance imposters and all dissenters from the original plan of Freemasonry.

9. You agree to promote the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the mystic art as far as your influence and ability can extend.

10. You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed, and strictly to conform to every edict of the Grand Lodge.

11. You admit that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovation in the body of Masonry.

12. You promise a regular attendance on the communications and committees of the Grand Lodge upon receiving proper notice thereof; and to pay attention to all the duties of Freemasonry, upon proper and convenient occasions.



13. You admit that no new Lodge can be formed without permission of the Grand Master, and that no countenance ought to be given to any irregular Lodge, or any person initiated therein; and that no public procession of Masons clothed with the badge of the Order, can take place without the special license of the Grand Master.

14. You admit that no person can regularly be made a Freemason, or admitted a member of any Lodge without previous notice and due enquiry into his character; and that no brother can be advanced to a higher degree except in strict conformity with the laws of the Grand Lodge.

15. You promise that no visitor shall be received into your Lodge without due examination

and producing proper vouchers of his having been initiated into a regular Lodge.

At the conclusion the Grand Master or installing officer addresses the Master-elect as follows: "Do you submit to and promise to support these charges and regulations, as Masters have done in all ages?" Upon his answering in the affirmative, the ceremony of installation proceeds



CONSTITUTION



OF THE

Grand Lodge of Alberta

Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

We the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, in order to form perfect fraternal union, to establish order, to insure tranquility, to provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft, and to secure to the Fraternity in the Province of Alberta, all the blessings of Masonic privileges, do order and establish this Constitution.

STYLE AND TITLE OF GRAND LODGE.

1. The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, now existing, hereinafter referred to as Grand Lodge, shall continue to exist under the same name, style and title.
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SEAL.

2. The following is hereby adopted as the Seal of this Grand Lodge.



WORK.

3. This Grand Lodge recognizes and authorizes for use in Subordinate Lodges, either of the methods of conducting the work, usually spoken of as the "Canadian" Work, or the "Ancient York" Work, according to the Rituals hereafter issued by it.

COMPOSITION OF GRAND LODGE.

4. Grand Lodge shall consist of its Grand Officers Past Grand Officers, Past Masters (duly returned) and the Masters and Wardens (duly returned), of all Lodges on the Grand Lodge register; provided however, that as representative of any Lodge which has neglected to make its returns and payments to Grand Lodge for more than one year shall not be permitted to vote at any session thereof, until such returns and payment respectively shall have been completed and made.

5. The Committee shall deliver to each of such brethren the ballot papers to which he is entitled Each Lodge shall be entitled to three votes. If the Master and Wardens be present each shall be entitled to one vote. If any one of them shall be absent his vote shall be given to the Senior officer present. Each Past Master shall be entitled to one vote.

6. A Lodge may, by its vote properly certified by, the Master and Secretary under seal, delegate any Past Master (duly returned) to represent it at any meeting of Grand Lodge in the absence of the Master and Wardens. No proxy shall be valid unless it is passed in open Lodge, and the name of the brother so delegated shall have been written in the proxy

previous to its being signed by the Master and Secretary of the Lodge. No brother can represent more than one Lodge.

7. Grand Lodge may on motion constitute any brother of eminence and ability who has rendered service to the Craft and who hails from a foreign jurisdiction an honorary member thereof, with such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate, but not above that of Past Junior Grand Warden. The procedure on such motion shall be similar to that provided in Section 27.

8. The Grand Lodge shall be composed of the the following Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and members who shall be entitled to precedence, rank and title as follows :—

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Past Grand Masters according to seniority.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

Past Deputy Grand Masters.

The R. W. Grand Senior Warden.

Past Grand Senior Wardens.

The R. W. Grand Junior Warden.

Past Grand Junior Wardens.

The R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District.

The R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for the Second Masonic District.

The R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for the Third Masonic District.

Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Past Grand Treasurers.
The R. W. Grand Secretary.
Past Grand Secretaries.
The R. W. Grand Registrar.
Past Grand Registrars.
The R. W. Grand Chaplain.
Past Grand Chaplains.
The Very Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon.
Past Grand Senior Deacons.
The Very Worshipful Grand Junior Deacon.
Past Grand Junior Deacons.
The Very Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
The Very Worshipful Grand Organist.
Past Grand Organists.
The Very Worshipful Grand Stewards.
Past Grand Stewards.
The Very Worshipful Grand Pursuivant.
Past Grand Pursuivants.

The Grand Tyler (who shall not, by virtue of his office, be entitled to vote in Grand Lodge).

The Masters, Past Masters and Senior and Junior Wardens of Chartered Lodges in the order of the numbers of their respective Lodge Charters.

9. No brother shall be entitled to past rank in any office, in Grand Lodge or in any Lodge unless he has served a term of twelve months. (See Section.)

10. A Past Master of a Lodge in this jurisdiction, who has been duly registered in the books of Grand Lodge and who affiliates with any other Lodge, is

entitled to his rank according to seniority both in Grand Lodge and in the Lodge with which he affiliates.

11. A Past Master may require from the Grand Secretary on payment of the fee of one dollar, a Past Master's certificate, and the Grand Secretary is authorized to issue the same.

12. The representatives of three Lodges at the Annual Communication or at Especial Communications, convened on due notice to all the Lodges, shall be indispensably necessary to open the Grand Lodge or transact business therein, except on occasions of ceremony, when the Grand Master or his representative, with a sufficient number of brethren, may open the Grand Lodge and transact the business for which it is called.

MODE OF ELECTING AND APPOINTING THE OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE.

13. The officers of Grand Lodge, except the members of the Board of General Purposes, shall be elected or appointed annually, and shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected or appointed and installed.

14. The Grand Master, or presiding officer at the annual communication shall appoint three or more scrutineers, who, having ascertained the number of votes for the respective candidates shall present their reports to Grand Lodge.

15. The election of the officers of Grand Lodge shall take place at the Annual Communication on the second day thereof, at an hour to be named at

the previous session by the Grand Master, and those present shall be duly installed or invested and proclaimed in due and ancient form before the close of the Annual Communication.

16. The following officers of Grand Lodge shall be elected. By nomination to be handed to the Grand Secretary, and if more than one brother be nominated, then by ballot of Grand Lodge, viz.:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden.

The Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden.

The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.

The Right Worshipful Grand Registrar.

The Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain.

By open vote of Grand Lodge:

The Grand Tyler.

17. The District Deputy Grand Master for each District shall be elected by the representatives of the Lodges and Past Masters of such district present at the annual communication, by ballot (the representatives and Past Masters voting in the same manner as upon the election of other officers), and if confirmed by the Grand Master, he shall, if present, be regularly installed, and if not present, he shall be installed within one month after the close of the annual communication of Grand Lodge, in one of the Chartered Lodges of the jurisdiction by a Past Master specially commissioned for that purpose. In default of any election being made, or if

the brother fails to attend for installation, the Grand Master-elect shall appoint a duly qualified brother as District Deputy Grand Master, who shall, after being installed, have the same rank and privileges as if he had been previously elected.

18. All other officers of Grand Lodge shall be appointed by the Grand Master-elect after his installation.

19. It shall require a majority of votes cast to elect.

20. No Grand Officer, Past Grand Officer, or Past Master, voting or participating in a vote, in either one of these capacities, shall vote, or participate in a vote, in any other of them, nor as Master or Warden of a Lodge; but either of such members may as proxy for a lodge, cast also the vote or votes to which such position entitles him.

21. When a Lodge shall be represented by only two of its proper officers, the officer highest in rank may cast two of its three votes.

22. When a Lodge shall be represented by only one of its proper officers, or by a representative, such officer or representative may cast all the votes to which it is entitled.

23. Should any vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall appoint a qualified brother to supply the place "pro tempore."

THEIR QUALIFICATIONS

24. No brother shall be qualified to hold any office in this Grand Lodge (except those of Grand

Chaplain, Grand Organist and Grand Tyler) unless he has been regularly installed as a Worshipful Master of a Lodge, and has been entitled to sit as such in Grand Lodge for a period of not less than twelve months.

25. Grand Lodge may on motion in recognition of eminence, ability or service rendered, confer upon any of its own members such rank as it may deem appropriate. Notice of the motion to confer such rank must be sent in writing by the mover to the Grand Secretary, not later than thirty days preceding the annual meeting, and the vote in favor of the motion must be unanimous.

POWERS OF GRAND LODGE.

26. The Grand Lodge is the supreme Masonic power and authority in this Province, possessing all the attributes of sovereignty and government limited only by the ancient landmarks of the Order and the provisions of its own constitution and regulations.

27. Its legislative powers extend to every case of legislation not expressly delegated by itself to the Lodges; and the constitution and regulations which it has an inalienable right to adopt and promulgate at its own convenience, and to alter, amend or appeal at its own pleasure under the limitations therein imposed are final and binding upon all Lodges and Masons within its jurisdiction.

28. Its executive powers include the granting of warrants to perpetuate Lodges within this Province and in other territory where no Grand Lodge

exists; the revocation or suspension thereof; and the exercise generally of all such authority as may be necessary to carry its own legislation into complete effect.

29. Its judicial powers are original and appellate.

The former includes the enforcement of discipline upon its own members and upon the Lodges under its jurisdiction; and the trial of complaints against any of the elective offices of the Grand Lodge other than the Grand Master.

The latter embraces the revision of all matters of controversy or discipline proper for Masonic investigation and over which it has not retained original jurisdiction, and the hearing of appeals instituted as hereinafter provided for.

30. Grand Lodge only can expel a brother from the Craft or restore him after expulsion.

31. Grand Lodge only can withdraw the warrant of a Lodge and erase the same.

32 The warrant of a Lodge shall not be withdrawn nor shall the Lodge be erased until the Master or Officers thereof have been summoned to show cause in Grand Lodge why such action should not be taken.

33. The Constitution of Grand Lodge may be amended or altered at any annual meeting thereof, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice in writing stating distinctly the proposed amendment or alteration, shall have been given at the preceding annual meeting or shall have been sent to the Grand Secretary thirty

days preceding the meeting at which the motion is to be considered and published in the notice paper. Any amendment to the Constitution which has been rejected by Grand Lodge shall not be reconsidered at any time within five years after such rejection., except leave be given by Grand Lodge by a two-thirds vote, such vote to be taken without debate.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
GRAND LODGE DURING THE TIME OF
BUSINESS.

34. The Grand Master having taken his seat and opened Grand Lodge, the following shall be the order of business. On the first day of the annual meeting.

(a) 1. Confirming the minutes of previous meetings.

2. Reading and referring the Grand Master's address and Grand Officers' Reports.

3. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc., and referring them for action.

4. Receiving the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and referring them to the Board of General Purposes for consideration and report.

5. Receiving the reports of the Board of General Purposes and, if expedient considering the same in the following order, viz. :—

(a) The report on warrants.

(b) The report on printing and supplies.

(c) The report on audit and finance.

(d) The report on benevolence.

(e) The report on grievances and appeals.

- (f) The report on the condition of Masonry.
- (g) The report on Constitution and laws and jurisprudence.
- (h) The report on fraternal dead.
- (i) The report on foreign correspondence.
- (k) Receiving and if expedient considering the reports of special committees.
- (l) Considering notices of motion.

(b) On the second day the first business shall be the reception of the report of the Committee on Credentials and next the election of the officers of Grand Lodge. Thereafter and on each succeeding day the order shall be as follows:

1. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc.
2. Considering reports in the order in which they are presented.
3. Receiving, and if expedient considering further reports of the Board of General Purposes.
4. Receiving, and if expedient, considering reports of special committees.
5. Considering motions, general business, etc.

The installation and investiture of officers shall take place immediately before the close of the meeting.

The order of business shall be called by the Grand Secretary at each meeting, and may at any time be suspended or changed by a two-thirds vote of Grand Lodge and not otherwise.

35. No brother shall speak twice on the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover of a motion in reply, or by permission of the Grand Master.

36. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master; and no brother shall presume to interrupt him except to address the Grand Master on a point of order. The Grand Master may call him to order.

37. No money grants shall be made by Grand Lodge on the last day of the meeting unless notice of an intended application therefor shall have been given on the preceding day.

38. All matters, except where otherwise provided for, are to be decided by a majority of votes, each Lodge having three votes, each Past Master one vote, each officer of the Grand Lodge (except Grand Organist and Grand Tyler) not otherwise entitled to vote, one vote, and the Grand Master a casting vote in case of equality; unless the Grand Lodge, for the sake of expedition, think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the Grand Master. When any subject can be satisfactorily settled by an open vote, the votes of the members are always to be signified by each holding up one of his hands, which uplifted hands the Grand Deacons are to count, unless the number shall be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary; but any five brethren may demand a ballot on any question, either before or immediately after an open vote shall have been taken.

39. All members shall keep their seats, except the Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies and his assistant, and the Grand Stewards who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

40. If any member shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the Grand Master may peremptorily command him to leave the Grand Lodge for that communication.

41. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother, or at what he has said, shall be excluded from the communication, and declared incapable of being a member of the Grand Lodge, until at another time he publicly own his fault and grace be granted.

42. All motions, before being put to the Grand Lodge, shall be reduced in writing and placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

43. No motion shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge, or for adding a new law, rule or regulation thereto, without notice in writing, stating the amendment proposed, having been given to the Grand Secretary two months previous to the annual communication of Grand Lodge and a copy of the proposed amendment sent to each Lodge. No alteration or addition to the Constitution shall be made binding unless supported by two-thirds of the members present.

COMMUNICATIONS

44. The annual communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held on the last Wednesday of the month of May, in the City of Calgary, or at such place as shall have been decided on by a majority vote, which vote shall be taken immediately before

the election of officers, at the preceding annual communication of the Grand Lodge. None but members shall be present at these communications, without permission of the Grand Master. No visitor shall speak to any question unless requested to do so by the Grand Master, nor shall he, on any occasion, be permitted to vote.

GRAND MASTER

HIS POWERS AND AUTHORITY

45. The Grand Master, during the interval between the communications of the Grand Lodge, may exercise all its executive powers, except the granting of charters.

46. He may by warrant appoint any brother to represent Grand Lodge in a sister Grand Lodge.

47. He is the presiding officer of Grand Lodge whenever it may meet.

48. He may preside over any Lodge and may direct the business thereof during his visit. The Deputy Grand Master, if present, shall sit on his right, the Grand Wardens, if present, shall occupy the Wardens' chairs and the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, or the brother entitled to exercise his functions, shall sit on his left.

49. He may send any of the Grand Officers to visit any Lodge.

50. He may either personally or by a Committee of Enquiry, to be appointed by him, investigate any subject of Masonic complaint, not being a Masonic offence., which may be brought before him and may give such orders and directions with respect to the attendance of brethren and the production of books and papers including the warrant, books and accounts of any Lodge as he may deem necessary for the purposes of such investigation. Should his orders or directions be disobeyed he may suspend any offending brother for such disobedience until the next meeting of Grand Lodge or until his orders or directions be obeyed. He shall report in writing to Grand Lodge the action taken by him, his reasons therefor and his opinions respecting any further action in the matter which should be taken by Grand Lodge.

51. He may, when such action appears to him to be necessary or expedient, suspend any brother or arrest the warrant or dispensation of any Lodge and suspend the operation thereof until the next meeting of Grand Lodge. He shall report in writing to Grand Lodge the action taken by him, his reasons therefor, and his opinion respecting any further action in the matter which should be taken by Grand Lodge.

52. He may direct that a charge be preferred in a Lodge having jurisdiction to try the same against any brother for any Masonic offence alleged to have been committed by him and may if he think it expedient to do so, committ the supervision of the trial to the District Deputy Grand Master or any other officer whom he may appoint.

53. He may decide questions of usage, order and Masonic law which may be submitted to him, subject however to a right of appeal to Grand Lodge from his decision.

54. He may entertain an appeal from the decision or action of a District Deputy Grand Master and change or modify the same.

55. It is the prerogative of the Grand Master to perform the following ceremonies, viz.:

Instituting, Constituting and Consecrating Lodges, Dedicating Lodge Rooms, Laying Foundation Stones and Installing and Investing Grand Officers; and no brother can lawfully perform any of these ceremonies unless authorized by the Grand Master to do so as his representative.

56. The Grand Master has authority to grant dispensations for the following purposes, viz.:

(a) To authorize the requisite number of brethren to meet as a Lodge until the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

(b) To authorize the Grand Secretary to issue a Grand Lodge certificate to a brother who has been legally admitted to a higher degree at a shorter interval than prescribed by the Constitution.

(c) To relieve from Masonic disability a member of a Lodge which has been suspended.

(d) To permit the healing of an irregularly made Mason.

57. He has also authority to grant dispensations to any Lodge for any of the following purposes, viz.:

(a) To hold a public procession of members of the Lodge or any other function in the name of the Lodge or of the fraternity.

(b) To elect and install (or either) officers at a time other than that fixed by the by-laws.

(c) To hold a Lodge of Instruction.

(d) To confer a higher degree on a brother at a shorter interval than that prescribed by the Constitution.

(e) To receive and act upon a petition for initiation in a Lodge from a person who has not resided for one year within its jurisdiction.

(f) To receive and act upon a petition for a candidate for initiation who resides outside the jurisdiction of the Lodge.

(g) To grant dispensations to receive and act upon the petitions of rejected applicants for the degrees, within a less period than the time prescribed by this Constitution. Provided the application for such dispensation be made by the Lodge (to which the candidate presented his petition) by an unanimous vote by ballot.

(h) To grant such other dispensations as may be applied for in accordance with the Constitution.

58. The Grand Master may, through the Grand Secretary, summon any Grand Officer, Lodge or

brother to attend him, or any Grand Officer or Committee of the Grand Lodge, and to produce the books of such Grand Officer, the charter, books, papers and accounts of such Lodges or the certificate of such brother.

59. If the summons be not complied with, and no sufficient reason given for non-compliance, such summons shall be repeated, as a peremptory summons; if such last summons be not attended to, such Grand Officer, Lodge or brother may be suspended, and the proceeding reported to the Grand Lodge.

60. All summonses shall have the impress of the Grand Lodge Seal affixed.

61. The statement of the powers and prerogatives of the Grand Master contained in the foregoing sections shall not be construed as limiting or abridging the powers and prerogatives attached to the office of Grand Master by Masonic law or custom, except in so far as they directly limit or abridge the same.

62. The Grand Master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning Masons or Masonry except through the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Masters or the Board of General Purposes.

63. During the temporary absence of the Grand Master from the Province notified by him to the Grand Secretary or during his temporary incapacity from any cause to discharge the duties of his office, the Deputy Grand Master shall possess all powers of the Grand Master. Should the Grand Master die during his term of office or become

permanently incapable of discharging the duties thereof the Deputy Grand Master shall forthwith be entitled to exercise the functions of Grand Master until the next annual election.

HIS DUTIES.

64. It shall be the duty of the Grand Master:

1st. To preside in the Grand Lodge at all its communications.

2nd. To present, at each annual communication a written message therein setting forth all his official acts during the year, exhibiting the general condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction and recommending such legislation as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the Craft.

3rd. To constitute all chartered Lodges, either in person or by a duly authorized representative, in accordance with the ancient usages and regulations.

4th. To exercise a general and careful supervision over the Craft, and to see that the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge are strictly maintained, supported and obeyed.

5th. To discharge all the necessary executive functions of the Grand Lodge when that body is not in session.

6th. To cause the ancient landmarks and charges to be observed, and to do and perform the duties of ancient Grand Masters, agreeably to the requirements of Masonry and of this Grand Lodge.

7th. To examine all by-laws of subordinate Lodges and to approve same if found correct. When so approved they shall have full force and effect.

65. The Grand Master, or in the event of his absence from the province or inability to act, the Deputy Grand Master, or in the event of his absence or inability to act, the Grand Wardens may summon and hold special meetings of Grand Lodge whenever the good of the Craft shall in their opinion require it. The particular reason for convening such meetings shall be stated in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at any such meeting.

66. No member of Grand Lodge shall attend at any meeting thereof without his proper Masonic clothing, nor wear any jewel not recognized by Grand Lodge. None but members shall be present without permission of the Grand Master.

67. The Grand Master, if present, shall preside in Grand Lodge. If at any meeting thereof, annual or special, except a meeting called to assist in the performance of a ceremony, the Grand Master be absent, Grand Lodge shall be ruled by the elective Grand Officer next in rank and seniority who may be present; and if no elective Grand Officer be present, by the Master of the Senior Lodge present.

68. No brother below the rank of a Past Grand Master shall assume the Grand Master's chair, though he be entitled in the absence of the Grand Master to rule Grand Lodge.

69. Grand Lodge is declared open in ample form when the Grand Master presides; in due form, when

a Past Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master presides; at all other times in form, yet with the same authority.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

70. The Deputy Grand Master shall have authority, unless the Grand Master be present to preside at any Lodge meeting and to direct the business thereof during his visit. The District Deputy Grand Master, if present, shall sit on his right; the Grand Wardens, if present, shall occupy the Wardens' chairs, and the Worshipful Master of the Lodge or the brother entitled to exercise his functions shall sit on his left.

HIS DUTIES

71. The duties of the Deputy Grand Master shall be: To assist the Grand Master as he may direct; and, in the cases provided for by the foregoing section, to exercise all the prerogatives and perform all the duties of Grand Master.

72. When the Grand Wardens are in Grand Lodge no others can fill their places, but in the absence of either the Grand Master may appoint any Past Grand Warden present to act. If no Past Grand Warden be present, the Grand Master may direct any other member of Grand Lodge to act as Grand Warden for that occasion.

73. The Grand Wardens, whenever directed, shall attend the Grand Master and act as his Wardens.

MASONIC DISTRICTS

74. Calgary District:—All that portion of Alberta lying between the 5th and 10th correction lines.

Medicine Hat District:—All that portion of Alberta south of the 5th correction line and including Nanton, north of said line.

Edmonton District:—All that portion of Alberta north of the 10th correction line.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

75. The District Deputy Grand Master may preside in every Lodge he visits within his district, with the Master of the Lodge on his right hand.

76. He shall visit all the Lodges in his district during his term of office and shall see that they are working in the authorized manner and that returns have been regularly forwarded to Grand Lodge with all moneys that may have accrued due to it, Should any Lodge refuse or neglect to make such returns and payments he shall immediately report the fact in writing to the Grand Master.

77. He shall satisfy himself that the brother recommended in the petition for a new Lodge, as the first Master thereof, is duly qualified to perform the duties of that office, and for that purpose he may summon that brother to attend for examination, and if he be found qualified he shall grant him a certificate of qualification.

78. He shall ascertain whether a Lodge, working under dispensation in his district, is provided with suitable furniture and regalia.

79. An appeal in all cases shall lie from the decision or action of the District Deputy Grand Master to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

80. If the District Deputy Grand Master shall neglect to act or proceed within a reasonable time in any case or business in which it is his duty to act or proceed, complaint of his neglect may be sent to the Grand Secretary who shall forward the same to the Grand Master to be dealt with by him.

81. He may summon the officers of any Lodge or any brother within his district to appear before him and to produce the warrant books, papers and accounts of such Lodge. If the summons be not complied with and a sufficient reason be not given for non-compliance he shall immediately report the fact in writing to the Grand Master.

82. He may grant dispensations for holding Lodges of Instruction but for no other purpose, and shall report his dispensations to the Grand Master.

83. He may appoint a competent brother to instruct any Lodge or Lodges in his district which may desire instruction.

84. He shall prepare in duplicate (on blanks to be furnished by the Grand Secretary) a statement in tabular form of the condition of each Lodge, also a report (in duplicate) on the general condition of Masonry in his District, and of his acts therein with such particulars as he may deem necessary, including the names and numbers of the Lodges not visited by him together with the reasons therefor. Both the statement and report are to be for the

year ending December 27th, and shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary on or before the 15th of January, to be by him laid before the Grand Master and the Committee on the condition of Masonry.

85. He may give or refuse consent for the removal of a Lodge from one place to another within his District.

86. He shall perform such other services and executive duties as may be deputed or entrusted to him by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

87. He may appoint, if necessary, a District Chaplain and Secretary, during pleasure, but they shall have no rank in Grand Lodge by virtue of such office.

THEIR QUALIFICATIONS.

88. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall be well skilled in the work of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry; he shall be a Past Master and a member in good standing of some Lodge in the District from which he is appointed, and shall receive a certificate of his appointment signed by the Grand Master and attested by the Grand Secretary. No Sitting Master shall be eligible for the office of D.D.G.M.

RANK OF PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

89. District Deputy Grand Masters who shall have discharged their duties for one year to the satisfaction of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, and who shall be specially recommended by it for the honor, may receive the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master.

GRAND TREASURER

90. The Grand Treasurer shall be entrusted with all the moneys raised for general charity, or for any other use of the fraternity and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge or other proper authority shall direct and produce a statement of receipts and disbursements before every regular communication or when called for by the Committee on Finance.

91. He shall keep in some regularly chartered bank in the City of Calgary, to be selected by the Committee on Finance, all the moneys, notes, bonds or other securities that may come into his possession as Grand Treasurer. The account in such bank shall be kept in the name of "The Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.," and no payment shall be made unless on warrants drawn by the Grand Secretary and countersigned by the chairman of the Committee on Finance, or, in the absence of the chairman, by any member of the Committee. All cheques shall be signed by the Grand Treasurer and countersigned by the chairman of the Committee on Finance, or in his absence, by any member of the Committee.

GRAND SECRETARY

92. (a) The Grand Secretary shall record all the transactions of Grand Lodge which it is proper to have written and superintend the publication thereof immediately after the close of each annual communication under such instructions as may be given by Grand Lodge.

(b) He shall receive, duly file and safely keep all papers and documents addressed or belonging to Grand Lodge and shall present such as may require its action at each communication thereof.

(c) He shall collect and dispose of all moneys of Grand Lodge and keep all the accounts thereof in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Board of General Purposes. His books and accounts shall always be open to inspection by the Grand Master or the President of the Board of General Purposes or any committee thereof authorized to inspect the same. His accounts shall be prepared and audited as prescribed by section .

(d) He shall have the custody of the seal of Grand Lodge and shall affix the same to all documents issued by authority of Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

(e) He shall sign and certify all instruments issued by Grand Lodge or otherwise.

(f) He shall issue summonses for all meetings of Grand Lodge or the Board of General Purposes and of any committee as he shall be directed by the Grand Master, Grand Lodge, or other competent authority, and shall attend and take minutes of their proceedings.

(g) He shall receive the returns from the several Lodges and enter them in the books of Grand Lodge and duly report the same at each annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

(h) He shall send to all Lodges and to each member of Grand Lodge copies of the proceedings

of Grand Lodge and all such other papers as may be ordered either by the Grand Master, Grand Lodge, or Board of General Purposes.

(i) He shall thirty days before the meeting of Grand Lodge send to each Lodge and every officer of Grand Lodge, copies of notices of motion.

(j) He shall notify all Lodges semi-annually of all expelled, suspended and restored members for the year also of all rejected candidates.

(k) He shall furnish the District Deputy Grand Masters and the Board of General Purposes with all documents and information that they may require.

(l) He shall receive all petitions and memorials and other papers and lay them before the Grand Master or other proper authority.

(m) He shall attend the Grand Master or Board of General Purposes and take to him or the Board the books and papers he or they may direct.

(n) He shall conduct the correspondence of Grand Lodge keeping duplicates of the same.

(o) He shall perform all other duties appertaining to his office.

(p) He shall give a bond to be approved by the Board of General Purposes to the Grand Master in some guarantee Company in the sum of one thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duties. The fee for such bond shall be paid by Grand Lodge.

(q) He shall report at each annual communication, a detailed account of all moneys received by him during the year, with a specific statement of the sources whence they were derived ; and to present therewith the receipts of the Bank therefor.

(r) He shall report at each annual communication all Lodges in arrears to the Grand Lodge or which shall have neglected or refused to comply with any provisions of its Constitution and regulations.

(s) He shall issue notices to each Lodge of the granting of a dispensation by the Grand Master for the formation of a new Lodge.

(t) He shall take charge of the jewels, furniture, clothing and other paraphernalia of the Grand Lodge.

(u) He shall furnish every Grand Officer, elected or appointed, with a certificate of such election or appointment.

(v) He shall act as Grand Librarian and take charge of the library of the Grand Lodge, under such regulations as it may prescribe.

(w) He shall report at each annual communication, all unfinished business of the Grand Lodge ; and to present all such other matters to its notice as may properly come within his province.

(x) He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Grand Lodge may direct.

GRAND REGISTRAR

93. The Grand Registrar may take charge of any District for which there is no District Deputy Grand Master, when instructed to do so by the Grand Master, and he shall thereby be empowered to perform all the functions of a District Deputy Grand Master.

94. The Grand Registrar shall collect all data relative to the formation and progress of this Grand Lodge and make a report at the annual communication.

GRAND CHAPLAIN

95. It shall be the duty of the Grand Chaplain to attend all communications and there to offer up solemn prayer for the occasion.

APPOINTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

96. The Grand Deacons, Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Organist, Grand Stewards, Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler shall, when practicable, attend all meetings of Grand Lodge.

97. The Grand Director of Ceremonies shall, in addition to his other duties, have the care during the meeting of Grand Lodge, of the clothing regalia and jewels belonging to it.

98. The Grand Pursuivant shall preserve order in the porch at every meeting of Grand Lodge and, with the assistance of the brethren nominated for

the purpose, shall see that none be admitted except those qualified, properly clothed and in all respects entitled to admission.

99. There shall be four Grand Stewards who shall assist in the regulation of grand festival under the direction of the Grand Junior Warden and in conducting the arrangements made for the meeting of Grand Lodge.

100. The Grand Tyler shall, when practicable, attend at all meetings of Grand Lodge, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled.

THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

101. The Board of General Purposes shall consist of the Grand Masters, the Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Masters, the two Grand Wardens, the Grand Registrar and eight other members being Masters or Past Masters of Lodges, four of whom shall be elected by Grand Lodge each year, and shall hold office for two years from the date of election. The four retiring members shall not be eligible for re-election until the year succeeding the one in which they retire.

102. The Board shall annually, at its first meeting, elect from its members by ballot, the President, Vice-President, and by open vote the Standing Committees on Jurisprudence, Grievances and Appeals, the Condition of Masonry, Foreign Relations and Correspondence, Finance, Benevolence, Charters and New Lodges, and Credentials and Reception, for the Masonic year.

103. The names of the several brethren intended to be put in nomination as members of the Board are to be delivered in writing to the Grand Secretary on the first day of the assembling of Grand Lodge in annual communication, in order that all names so to be proposed shall be by the Grand Secretary conspicuously posted near the entrance to Grand Lodge, in the ante-room previous to the election, and printed slips shall be provided by the Grand Secretary with the names of the brethren so nominated thereon, in time to distribute same to the members of Grand Lodge before the election of officers shall take place.

104. If the President, Vice-President or any other member of the Board die or be removed, the vacancy shall be filled by ballot of the Board at its next meeting. Notice of such election shall be given in the summons issued for the next meeting of the Board.

105. Should the President and Vice-President be absent, the Board shall elect a chairman pro tempore..

106. The Board shall meet one day before the annual meeting of Grand Lodge at the place appointed for holding the same, and at other times on the call of the Grand Master or the President of the Board.

107. Five members shall constitute a quorum. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes; the presiding officer, in case of a tie, shall have a second vote.

108. The Board shall have authority to hear and determine all Masonic complaints, not being Ma-

sonic Offences, respecting Lodges or individual Masons when regularly brought before it.

109. The Board may summon any of the officers of a Lodge or any brother to appear before it for the purpose of any enquiry, and may order the custodian thereof to produce the warrant books, papers and accounts of the Lodge. If such order be disobeyed and sufficient reason for non-compliance be not given, the offending Lodge or brother may be suspended by the Board, and the proceedings shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

110. A full report of the proceedings of the Board cases of complaint investigated by it, shall be reserved in a book to be kept for the purpose. The judgment of the Board shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

111. In case of any complaint affecting a member of the Board or any Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw while the Board considers its decision.

112. The members of the Board shall be in Masonic clothing when they proceed to the investigation of any charge or complaint.

113. The Board shall have charge of the finances of Grand Lodge, shall examine all claims upon it, and when found correct shall order the Grand Treasurer to pay them, and it shall submit to Grand Lodge an estimate of expenses for the ensuing year.

114. The Board shall have full power to inspect all books, papers relating to the accounts of Grand Lodge, and may, by rules and regulations, prescribe

the manner in which the moneys and accounts thereof shall be kept. Such rules and regulations shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

115. The Board may summon any officer or brother having possession of any books, papers, documents or accounts belonging to Grand Lodge to appear before it and may give such directions as may be deemed necessary regarding them.

116. The Board shall have the direction of everything relating to the furniture and regalia of Grand Lodge.

117. The Board shall cause the necessary preparations to be made for the meetings of Grand Lodge as well as for days of festivals, public ceremonies and other meetings.

118. The Board shall have the general care and regulation of all the concerns of Grand Lodge.

119. No recommendation, petition or representation of any kind shall be received by the Board unless it be in writing and signed by the person or persons addressing the Board.

120. All communications from the Board to the Grand Master, to Grand Lodge or other Boards or Committees or any Lodge or brother, shall be made in writing.

121. The Board shall proceed to the consideration of any special matter which may be referred to it by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge in preference to other business.

122. The Board may appoint committees from among its members for specific purposes, who must report to the Board.

123. All transactions and resolutions of the Board shall be entered in the minute book by the Grand Secretary.

124. At each annual meeting of Grand Lodge the Board shall report all its proceedings.

125. The Standing Committees shall report through the Board to the Grand Lodge.

126. No remuneration shall be given to any member of the Board except by special vote of the Grand Lodge.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

127. The Board shall at the regular meeting on the first Thursday after the last Wednesday in May of each year, select brethren to serve upon each of the Standing Committees (each committee to consist of five members).

128. Each Committee shall at once proceed to elect its chairman for the current year, who shall receive all reports, etc., to be submitted to the Committee, call the members together for consultation at such time and place as to him shall be deemed best, preside at such meetings, and communicate the decisions of the committee to the Board of General Purposes, and when necessary to the officers of Grand Lodge concerned.

129. All vacancies occurring in committees shall be filled by nomination of the Board of General Purposes.

The duties of each committee shall be as follows:

130. "Jurisprudence"—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Jurisprudence to consider and report to the Grand Lodge upon all questions and decisions of Masonic law and usage, and such amendments to the Constitution and Regulations as may be referred to it.

131. "Grievances and Appeals."—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals to consider and report, with such recommendation as it may deem proper, upon all documents and papers relating to any matter of complaint or grievance appertaining to Masonic discipline and all appeals from the decision of any Lodge, or the Master thereof, and upon all petitions for restoration which may be referred to it. The members of this Committee shall be in Masonic clothing when they proceed to the investigation of any appeal or complaint.

132. "Condition of Masonry."—It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry to carefully examine all reports, returns, proceedings, correspondence, etc., referred to it; to consider all matters respecting the craft at home, the doings and reports of the Officers of Grand Lodge and the internal economy of the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges; to recommend for the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master such brethren as in its opinion, have faithfully discharged their duties as District Deputy Grand Masters.

133. "Foreign Relations and Correspondence."—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence to examine all the printed or written proceedings or documents emanating from other Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, and to report at each annual communication whatever it may deem of sufficient importance and interest to the Craft.

134. "Finance."—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance:

1st. To examine into and report upon all matters touching the finances of the Grand Lodge, not otherwise provided for, and to it shall be referred all subjects involving an appropriation of its funds; and without such reference no such appropriation shall be made.

2nd. To examine and compare or cause to be examined or compared, the books, papers, vouchers and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and make separate detailed reports thereon, and submit the same to Grand Lodge before the close of the annual communication, and also to report the financial condition of the Grand Lodge.

3rd. To present before the close of each annual communication an estimate of the probable receipts and expenses of the current year (giving each class of expenditure under its proper head), and recommend such amounts as may be necessary for the expense of Grand Lodge.

135. "Benevolence."—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Benevolence to examine and report on all claims made for assistance or relief, and to

recommend as to the disposal of the charitable fund of the Grand Lodge; to prepare a record of all benevolent and relief funds in the jurisdiction, provided by or under the control of the Grand Lodge; and to submit an annual report thereon to Grand Lodge; and further to consider all matters likely to promote and assist the cause of Masonic benevolence, and the relief of the poor and distressed.

136. "Charters and New Lodges."—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges to investigate all cases of forfeited Charters and to examine the minute book, and other records of Lodges under dispensation. No petition for Charters shall be acted upon unless the work and proceedings shall have been found by the Committee to be in accordance with the laws of the Grand Lodge.

137. "Credentials and Reception."—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Credentials and Reception:

1st. To cause the necessary preparations to be made for the Communications of the Grand Lodge, as well as for days of festivals, public ceremonies, etc. It shall give orders for all the usual and ordinary articles which may be required for the Communications of the Grand Lodge, but no extraordinary expense of any kind shall be incurred, without the previous sanction of the Grand Lodge.

2nd. To examine the credentials of all delegates to the Grand Lodge, and provide for the reception and accommodation of visitors; to report such recommendations as it may deem proper for the efficient discharge of its duties; to attend within

the porch of the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communications for the purpose of guarding, with the assistance of the Grand Pursuivant, against the admission of any other than those who are qualified; to see that they wear proper clothing and jewels, that they have signed their names to the accustomed papers and are in all other respects entitled to admission.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

138. The following Special Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master at least ten days previous to each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge:—

1. On Grand Master's Address.
2. On Grand Secretary's Report.
3. On the Grand Lodge Library.
4. On the Fraternal Dead.

139. "Committee on Grand Master's Address."—To this committee shall be referred the Address of the Grand Master for comment and distribution.

140. "Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report."—To this Committee shall be referred the report of the Grand Secretary.

141. "Committee on Grand Lodge Library."—This Committee shall examine the report of the Grand Librarian and the condition of the library and shall advance all necessary suggestions for the best interests and furtherance of the library.

142. Other Special Committees may be appointed and shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

MONEYS AND ACCOUNTS OF GRAND LODGE.

143. All moneys payable to Grand Lodge shall be received by the Grand Secretary who shall forthwith deposit them in the bank in which the Grand Lodge keeps its account to the credit of Grand Lodge and shall forthwith send a duplicate of the deposit slip to the Grand Treasurer, who shall keep an account of all moneys so received and deposited.

144. The accounts of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer shall be kept in such manner and form and subject to such rules and regulations as the Board of General Purposes may from time to time prescribe.

145. The accounts shall be closed on the 27th day of December in each year, and the accounts and balance sheets together with a statement of the receipts and expenditures and funds on hand and of all property belonging to Grand Lodge shall be prepared and audited before the annual meeting by two auditors to be appointed by the Grand Masters.

146. The Board shall prescribe the mode in which payments shall be made out of the funds of Grand Lodge and shall have power to authorize any necessary expenditure for the administration of its affairs.

LODGES—COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION.

147. A "Lodge" shall mean a Lodge working under a warrant of this Grand Lodge. A "Lodge" under "dispensation" shall mean a Lodge working under a dispensation from the Grand Master, and

possessing no powers or privileges other than such as are conferred by the dispensation.

148. The precedence of Lodges is derived from the number of their warrant as recorded in the books of Grand Lodge. No Lodge shall be acknowledged nor any of its officers admitted into Grand Lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other Masonic privileges unless it has been regularly constituted and registered on the register of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

149. An "affiliated Mason" shall mean a brother who is a member of a Lodge. A brother who has attained the rank of Past Master under the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge shall, upon affiliation with any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be entitled to retain such rank with its privileges.

150. A "joining brother" shall mean a brother who has been initiated in a Lodge or a Lodge under dispensation, or who hails from a foreign jurisdiction acknowledged by Grand Lodge, or who has been healed, and in either case who is admitted a member of a Lodge or a Lodge under dispensation by affiliation according to this Constitution.

151. A resident in the Province of Alberta, who during such residence has been initiated into Masonry by anybody beyond this jurisdiction without the permission of the Grand Master, shall not be entitled to Masonic privileges except upon such terms as may be imposed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

152. A brother who has been concerned in making Masons clandestinely, or who has assisted in forming

a new Lodge without the Grand Master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member or even a visitor into any Lodges or partake of the general charity or other Masonic privileges until he makes due submission and obtains grace.

OFFICERS OF LODGES.

153. The officers of a Lodge are: The Master and his two Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, two Deacons, two Stewards, and the Tyler, to which number may be added a Chaplain, Registrar, a Director of Ceremonies, Organist and Inner Guard, and they shall severally hold office until their successors, respectively, have been regularly elected or appointed and installed or invested in their stead. The Master only is installed, the other officers are invested and no installation or investiture of any elective officer can be performed by proxy. The investiture of a Warden elected at the annual election but not invested at the date of annual installation, shall re-date back to the latter date.

154. No brother is eligible to the office of Master of a Lodge unless he shall have served twelve months as Warden in a Lodge in this jurisdiction, and no brother shall be entitled to past rank in any office in the Lodge unless he has served a full term of twelve months.

155. No brother, other than a charter member, can be an officer of a Lodge (excepting Chaplain, Organist and Tyler) until he has been admitted a member thereof by ballot, in accordance with the Constitution.

156. Two or more Lodges may by a resolution hold the installation and investiture of officers in

the same Lodge room, and for such purpose shall bring the minute books, by-law, and warrants to the place of installation.

157. The Installation ceremony shall not be performed in public.

158. Every Master before being placed in the chair shall solemnly pledge himself to observe all the established usages and customs, to preserve the landmarks of the Order, and strictly to enforce them within his own Lodge.

159. The Master upon his installation, shall appoint all the officers who are not elective, and all standing committees for conducting the business of the Lodge and he shall invest or cause to be invested the elected and appointed officers.

160. The Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary of each Lodge shall be elected annually, by ballot, at the regular meeting next preceding the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist or St. John the Baptist; and a majority of the votes of the members present shall be necessary to elect. They shall be installed on the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist or St. John the Baptist, or at any other time by dispensation of the Grand Master, and shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed.

161. In case any Lodge shall fail to hold such election at the time above named, upon good cause being shown therefor the Grand Master may issue a dispensation to hold such election at another time; and in case a vacancy shall at any time occur in either of the offices of Master or Warden in any

Lodge, upon the proper representation of the necessity therefor, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation for an election to fill such vacancy. But, in either of these cases, such dispensation shall be issued only on the application of the Lodge, setting forth the reasons therefor, to be approved by two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, and to be properly certified by the Secretary; and of the special election which may thus be ordered, the members shall have due notice.

POWERS.

162. The powers and duties of a Lodge are such as are prescribed in its dispensation or charter, by the constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge, are defined as follows:

1st. "Executive."—In the direction and performance of its work, as prescribed by the Grand Lodge, under the control of the Master; and in all other matters in aid of the Master, who is the primary executive authority of the Lodge.

2nd. "Legislative."—Including all matters of legislation, relative to its internal concerns, which shall not be in violation of the general regulations of Masonry, the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge, or its own particular by-laws.

3rd. "Judicial."—Embracing the exercise of discipline over its own members (except the Master) and all other Masons within its jurisdiction, and the settlement of controversies between them; subject always to a revision by the Grand Lodge on appeal.

163. The Master of every Lodge is to cause the ancient charges and regulations of the Grand Lodge relating to private Lodges, and the by-laws of his Lodge, to be read in open Lodge once every year.

164. Every Lodge shall keep a book, in which the members attending at each meeting shall sign their names "before entering the Lodge," and a similar book or a portion of the same book for visitors, who are in like manner to enter their names, Masonic rank and the name of their mother Lodge, or the Lodge from which they hail.

165. All minutes, lists and books of account, belonging to a Lodge must be produced by the Master, when he shall be so required by competent authority.

166. Each Lodge shall provide the several books required to be kept by the Secretary, which shall be prepared in accordance with forms to be provided.

167. Returns—1st. Each Lodge shall make returns semi-annually to the Grand Secretary, on the blanks furnished by him, according to the instructions accompanying the same.

2nd. Returns shall include a list of officers, an alphabetical list of Past Masters, Master Masons, Fellow-Crafts, and Entered Apprentices, and all work done during the previous half-year, with the changes in membership.

3rd. Duplicate returns ("written in ink") shall be made, one copy to be retained and preserved by the Secretary of the Lodge, and the other copy,

together with all fees, dues and other indebtedness to Grand Lodge, to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary on or before January 15th and July 15th in each year.

4th. A fine of five dollars shall be imposed upon every Lodge in the Province of Alberta, the returns of which shall not have been mailed to the Grand Secretary's Office on or before February 1st and August 1st in each year.

168. Every Lodge shall have all official communications from the Grand Master or Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, read in open Lodge at the regular meeting following their receipt, which communication shall be noted in the minutes of the Lodge.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MASTER.

169. The Master is responsible that a book or books be kept in which the Secretary shall enter the Christian names in full and surnames of the members of the Lodge, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein with the dates of their admission or initiation, passing and raising; their ages, as nearly as possible, at that time, and their title, profession or trade; and also dates of death, suspensions, withdrawals and restorations; together with such transactions of the Lodge as are proper to be written.

170. The Master of a Lodge is enjoined to visit other Lodges as often as he conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the Craft, and a good understanding be thereby cultivated, among Freemasons.

171. The Master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to private Lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts then required by any lawful authority.

172. The Master shall have power:—

1st.—To congregate his Lodge whenever he shall deem it proper.

2nd.—To issue or cause to be issued all summonses or notices which may be required.

3rd.—To discharge all the executive functions of his Lodge.

4th.—To perform all such other acts by ancient usages proper to his office as shall not be in contravention of any provision of the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge.

173. It shall be his duty:—

1st.—To preside at all meetings of his Lodge.

2nd.—To confer all degrees in strict accordance with the ritual which has been or may hereafter be, ordained by the Grand Lodge.

3rd.—To give or cause to be given the lectures appertaining to each degree at the time it is conferred, in accordance with such ritual.

4th.—To examine the record of proceedings at each meeting of his Lodge when fairly transcribed by the Secretary, and if found correct subscribe his approval thereof.

5th.—To superintend the official acts of all the officers of his Lodge and see that their respective duties are properly discharged.

6th.—To carefully guard against any infraction by the members of his Lodge of its own by-laws of the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge, or the general regulations of Masonry.

7th.—To see that the proper officers collect and truly keep the moneys of the Lodge; to see that the furniture and other valuables are not wasted, damaged or lost; and in the event that the charter of the Lodge should ever be forfeited or surrendered, to preserve these things subject to the order of Grand Lodge.

174. A Past Master of any other Lodge may be invited to officiate as Master, and may confer degrees or perform any other ceremony.

175. In all cases of a tie vote by ballot, or otherwise, the Master in addition to his proper vote may have the casting vote.

176. For the wilful neglect or violation of any duty imposed by this Constitution upon the Master of a Lodge or any elected officer thereof, he shall be subject to deprivation of office, suspension or expulsion.

177. The Master of every Lodge when summoned so to do, shall attend the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master within whose jurisdiction the Lodge is located, the Grand Lodge or any committee or brother authorized by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge;

and produce the charter, minutes and books of the Lodge, under penalty of suspension, which shall be reported to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

178. Any appointed officer of a Lodge can be removed from office from a cause which appears to the Lodge to be sufficient; if the Master, however, be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his appointed officers he may lay the cause of complaint before the Lodge; and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint is well founded he shall have power to displace such officer, and in either case another must be elected or appointed in his place.

179. It shall be the duty of the Wardens to assist the Master in the performance of his duties and to discharge all those duties which ancient usage has assigned to their respective stations.

180. In the absence of the Master the Senior Warden (and in his absence also, the Junior Warden) shall succeed to and be charged with all the powers and duties of the Master, except conferring degrees.

181. The Wardens of a Lodge are enjoined to visit other Lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the Craft, and a good understanding be thereby cultivated among Freemasons.

182. The Wardens of every Lodge when summoned so to do, shall attend the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master within whose jurisdiction the Lodge is located, the Grand Lodge or any committee or

brother authorized by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge; and produce the charter, minutes and books of the Lodge under penalty of suspension, which shall be reported to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

183. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer:

1st.—To receive and safely keep all moneys or property of every kind which shall be placed in his hands by order of the Lodge.

2nd.—To disburse or transfer the same or any part thereof upon the order of the Master, duly attested by the Secretary.

3rd.—To keep a book or books wherein a correct account of his receipts and disbursements shall be exhibited.

4th.—To present a statement of the finance of the Lodge whenever required, and submit a yearly report at the annual meeting.

5th.—To perform such other duties appertaining to his office, as the by-laws may require or the Lodge may at any time direct.

184. It shall be the duty of the Secretary:—

1st.—To record all the proceedings at each meeting which it is proper should be written under the direction of the Master in a rough minute book to be kept for that purpose.

2nd.—To transcribe in accordance with the form in this Constitution such proceedings from the rough minute book to the minute book

and when thus transcribed and confirmed at the next regular meeting, present them to the Master for his approval and signature.

3rd.—To prepare and transmit a copy of such record or any part thereof to the Grand Lodge or Grand Secretary when required.

4th.—To collect and receive all moneys due to the Lodge and pay them over without delay to the Treasurer.

5th.—To keep the seal of the Lodge and to affix the same with his attestation to all papers issued under his authority or in obedience to the requirements of the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

6th.—To transmit to the Grand Secretary immediately after each election and installation in the Lodge, a certificate thereof in the form prescribed.

7th.—To transmit to the Grand Secretary the semi-annual report required in such form as shall be provided.

8th.—To report to the Grand Secretary immediately after their occurrence all rejections, suspensions and restorations in the forms provided.

9th.—To transmit copies of all Lodge notices and summonses to the Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master, (in whose district the Lodge is located) and the Grand Secretary, and to make a report to the District Deputy Grand Master of any and all installations of officers.

10th.—To notify all sister Lodges in the District of the rejection of all candidates for initiation and affiliation.

185. He shall keep the following books of the Lodge in such forms as may be provided:—

1st.—A minute book in which he shall record all the transactions of the Lodge proper to be written in accordance with form in this Constitution.

2nd.—A book of by-laws for the signature of the members in the order of their admission in which he shall see that each member at once signs his name in full.

3rd.—A register in which he shall record the full name or names of all belonging to the Lodge; the dates of their initiation, passing, raising or affiliation; the name, number and location of the Lodges of which those affiliated were last previously members; the age and occupation of each when received; and the dates of their withdrawal, expulsion, suspension, death or restoration.

4th.—A black book, in which he shall record the full name or names of those rejected, expelled, suspended or restored by any of the Lodges, so far as he shall receive the proper notice thereof.

5th.—An attendance register, to be kept in the Tyler's room in which all members and visitors shall record their names and the names, numbers and locations of their respective Lodges, before entering the Lodge.

186. He shall also keep such account books as may be necessary to present clearly the account of

each member with the Lodge, the receipts of the Secretary, and his payments to the Treasurer, and shall preserve the book of Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge, which may from time to time be published, with all the printed proceedings thereof as promulgated by its order, together with a duplicate copy of semi-annual returns sent to the Grand Secretary.

187. It shall be the duty of the Registrar to assist the Secretary in his duties, under the direction of the Worshipful Master. He shall keep the Historical Register of the Lodge.

If there be no Registrar then the Historical Register shall be kept by the Secretary.

188. The Deacons, Tyler and other appointed officers, shall perform such duties consonant with the usages of the Craft and appertaining to their respective offices as may be required by the by-laws or directed by the Master.

LODGE MEETINGS.

189. A Lodge of Emergency for the transaction of any particular business may, by the direction of the Master, or in his absence the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, be called at any time on seven days' notice. The reason for calling shall be stated in the notice, and no business except that so stated shall be transacted at the meeting. A Lodge of Emergency, for the purpose of attending the funeral of a deceased brother, may be called by the like direction on reasonable notice.

190. The day and hour of the regular meetings of every Lodge shall be specified by the by-laws.

191. A notice for a regular meeting must be served seven clear days before the meeting. The posting or delivery of a summons shall be regarded as good service thereof.

192. No jewels shall be worn in a Lodge other than those specified for the officers, except the jewel of a Past Master, a Grand Representative.

193. No brother below the rank of a Past Master shall assume the Master's chair.

194. None other than the authorized work is allowed to be practiced or administered in any Lodge unless such Lodge is entitled to continue the work in any other form, as a condition of its having submitted to the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.

195. All voting in a Lodge shall be by show of hands, except in cases where the Constitution requires a ballot; or where the Lodge shall by show of hands taken without debate, decide that a ballot be taken.

196. No Lodge has the power to adjourn from day to day.

197. If any brother behave in such a manner as to disturb the harmony of the Lodge and be admonished by the Master, and persist in his irregular conduct, the Master may order him to leave the Lodge and may suspend him if he disobey such order, or if his offence in the opinion of the Master justifies suspension. Such suspension with the reason therefor shall be forthwith reported by the Master to the District Deputy Grand Master of the District and shall last only until action is taken by him.

198. In the case of a Masonic trial where the charge laid relates to a ballot for initiation or membership, any brother shall be at liberty to disclose how he voted in that particular case.

LODGE SEAL.

199. Every Lodge shall have a seal to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued which require to be sealed. The seal shall not be affixed to any documents other than such as are issued by resolution of the Lodge or required by the Constitution, which latter are as follows:

- i.—Semi-annual returns of work.
- ii.—Annual returns of officers installed.
- iii.—By-laws.
- iv.—Amendments to by-laws.
- v.—Certificate of adoption of by-laws.
- vi.—Copy of the notice giving notice of motion to consider by-laws or amendments which must accompany same when forwarded for confirmation by the Grand Master.
- vii.—Applications for benevolence.
- viii.—Annual return of moneys expended for benevolence.
- ix.—Recommendation for a new Lodge, all official communications from one Subordinate Lodge to another. An impression of the seal or of any amendment thereof, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

LODGE BY-LAWS.

200. Every Lodge may frame By-laws for its own government which must be in harmony with the Constitution of Grand Lodge. The by-laws and any amendments made thereto must be sent in duplicate to the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Lodge for the approval of the Grand Master, and no by-laws or amendments shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

201. The by-laws of a Lodge shall be fairly written or printed in a book and shall be delivered to the Master on the day of his installation. Every brother shall subscribe to them when he becomes a member of the Lodge, and shall at all reasonable times have access to them and he shall be furnished by the Lodge with a printed copy on his initiation or affiliation. A copy thereof shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP

HOW ACQUIRED

202. Membership in a Lodge may be acquired—

1st. By having regularly received the degree of Entered Apprentice therein.

2nd. By having been duly elected for affiliation therewith.

3rd. By having been named in a dispensation for a New Lodge as one of the petitioners therefor.

4th. By the consolidation into one Lodge of two or more Lodges, of one of which he was a member.

203. No Mason shall be a member of more than one Lodge in this jurisdiction at the same time (except as an honorary or life member.) This rule shall not, however, refer to brethren now members of more Lodges than one, so as to affect such membership, or to members of a Lodge U.D., but when a Charter is granted membership in one Lodge must terminate.

204. No brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge, unless the laws relating to the proposing and admitting of candidates shall have been strictly complied with.

HOW TERMINATED

205. Membership in a Lodge can only be terminated—

1st. By the dissolution of a Lodge.

2nd. By the consolidation of the Lodge with another Lodge or other Lodges.

3rd. By voluntary withdrawal therefrom after proper notice given.

4th. By acquiring membership in another Lodge.

5th. By death, suspension or expulsion.

206. A member of a Lodge in good standing and whose dues are paid may withdraw at any time by making an application for such withdrawal at a

regular meeting, and he shall receive a certificate of the fact of such withdrawal. Membership in the Lodge shall terminate upon the granting of a dimit. No recommendary certificate shall be given a brother so withdrawing except by a special vote of the majority of the members of the Lodge then present.

207. The application for a dimit shall be made by a written petition signed by the applicant.

208. All Masons who were members in good standing of a Lodge at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues shall have been paid, or remitted in whole or in part by the Committee on Finance upon the recommendation of the Grand Master, are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as the regular dimit issued by an existing Lodge.

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

209. Great discredit and injury having been brought upon our ancient and honorable fraternity from admitting members and receiving candidates without due notice being given or inquiry made into their character and qualifications; and also, from the passing and raising of Masons without due instruction in the respective degrees; it is determined that in future, a violation or neglect of any of the following laws shall subject the offending Lodge to erasure, because no emergency can be allowed as a justification.

210. No person under the age of twenty-one years shall be made a Mason in any Lodge, except by dispensation of the Grand Master, as thereinbefore

provided; nor shall any dispensation suspend the operations of the law requiring seven days' notice, or committee of enquiry, or the ballot. Every candidate must be free-born, and at the time of his initiation, be known to be in reputable circumstances. He should be a lover of the liberal arts and sciences, and have made some progress in one or more of them.

211. A brother who has been concerned in making Masons clandestinely, or at a Lodge which is not a regular Lodge, or for small or unworthy considerations, or who may assist in forming a new Lodge without the Grand Master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member, nor even as a visitor, into any regular Lodge, nor partake of the general charity, or other Masonic privileges, until he make due submission and obtain grace.

212. If any member shall be under suspension from his Lodge or shall withdraw himself from it without having complied with its by-laws and the general regulations of the Craft, he shall not be eligible for admission to any other Lodge. Whenever a member of any Lodge shall resign, or whenever at a future time he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate of his standing; and such certificate is to be produced at any other Lodge of which he is proposed to be admitted a member, previous to the ballot being taken.

213. No Lodge shall make a Mason or admit a member, without strictly complying with all the regulations enacted for the government of the Craft on these occasions.

INITIATION.

214. A candidate who can comply literally with all the ceremonies of the work of Grand Lodge and who is mentally and morally worthy of admission, is a fit subject to become a Mason.

215. No Lodge shall initiate more than five candidates in one day. No Lodge shall initiate a candidate until he has been balloted for and approved, and no rejected candidate for initiation shall be balloted for in the same or any other Lodge within twelve months from the time of rejection.

LODGE JURISDICTION.

216. No Lodge shall receive and act upon the petition of any applicant for initiation whose residence may be nearer some other Lodge under this jurisdiction than the one to which application is made, without a dispensation from the Grand Master, and the consent, by resolution in writing of such nearest Lodge, or in the case of a city or town, all Lodges having jurisdiction; nor shall any Lodge act upon the petition of any such applicant who has been rejected within one year of such rejection unless by special dispensation of the Grand Master; nor shall a petition for the mysteries of Freemasonry be received from any person who has not resided one year within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and six months within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which application is made, or produces a certificate of character from the nearest Lodge to the place of his previous residence; and such petition

for initiation shall include the averment of the applicant that he has never before petitioned a Lodge; or if he has he shall give the name and location of said Lodge, and state what action was had on said petition, and when it occurred.

217. When the place of residence of an applicant for initiation residing within this jurisdiction is nearer to a Lodge in another jurisdiction than to a Lodge within this jurisdiction, such nearer Lodge may receive and act upon the petition of the applicant; provided the Grand Lodge in such other jurisdiction permit the like privilege to Lodges in this jurisdiction.

FEEES AND DUES.

218. No Lodge shall make a Mason for a smaller fee than twenty-five dollars or remit or postpone the payment of any part of this sum. Provided, however, that if a dimitted brother applicant has already received the first degree, or the first and second degrees in another Lodge, the fee to accompany his application for the remaining degrees or degree, shall be such proportion of the fee for all the degrees as the by-laws of the Lodge may prescribe. But a candidate shall not be initiated unless the fees in full provided by the by-laws of the Lodge are paid. The foregoing is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated, provided that no fee or reward in such case be taken, and that a dispensation from the Grand Master be first obtained.

APPLICATION FOR INITIATION.

219. An application for initiation shall be by petition in the form following: This petition shall be signed by the applicant and shall be recommended by two members of the Lodge, Master Masons in good standing. It shall be sent to the Secretary of the Lodge and shall be read by him at the first regular meeting after its receipt.

PETITION FOR INITIATION.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and
Members of..... Lodge No.....
G.R.A., A.F. & A.M.

I.....
(In full)

respectfully represent that, unbiased by the improper solicitation of friends and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself as a candidate for the mysteries of Ancient Free Masonry; that I am prompted to solicit this privilege by a favorable opinion preconceived of the institution, a desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish to be serviceable to my fellow creatures; that I am free by birth; that I have resided within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta one year or more, and at the place below named six months or more, next preceding the date hereof: that I have not been rejected by any Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; and that I promise, if found worthy, to conform to all the ancient usages and regulations of the Fraternity.

I was born at;
date.....; my age is.....years;
I reside at; my occupation

is.....; I have resided for the year last past at; I have presented my petition to another Lodge, viz.:

Dated at this.....day of.....A.L. 59...., A.D. 19....

*(Signature)

*A person who cannot write is therefore ineligible.

We are personally acquainted with the above named petitioner, and from our confidence in his integrity, do cheerfully recommend him as a proper candidate for the mysteries of Free Masonry.

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220. No application for initiation shall be passed upon by the Lodge unless notice thereof, stating particularly the name, age, occupation, names of recommenders and residence of the candidate shall have been given in the summons for the meeting at which the application is to be considered, and shall be continued on all notices until balloted upon.

221. The petition on being presented shall be referred to a committee of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be to enquire into the character of the applicant and any other matters relative to the petition and to report thereon to the Lodge at its next regular meeting.

222. If the report of the committee is favorable to the candidate, and if proper notice has been given

the ballot must be proceeded with at once. If proper notice has not been given the ballot shall stand over until the next regular meeting of which proper notice shall be given.

223. It shall be the duty of the Master before the ballot is taken to satisfy himself that he has jurisdiction to initiate the petitioner, having regard to the provisions of Section 216.

224. No person shall be initiated in a Lodge if on the ballot more than one black ball appears against him. A Lodge, may however, by by-law require the unanimous consent of the members present.

225. In the event of an adverse ballot on any application for initiation or affiliation the Master may order a second ballot if he has not already declared the candidate rejected.

226. The result of the ballot having been declared by the Master, no further ballot is admissible.

227. In case objections be made to the initiation of the candidate after he has been balloted for and accepted, it shall be the duty of the Master to investigate the cause of such objection, and if he find the same well founded he shall not initiate such candidate until such objection be removed. If objection be made to the advancement of a brother, any member of the Lodge may require that such objection be placed in the form of a charge, and if not so placed at the next regular meeting of the Lodge the objection shall be of no effect.

228. Every candidate shall on his initiation solemnly promise to submit to the Constitution

and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the Craft, he must on his initiation sign the by-laws of the Lodge, a copy of which together with a copy of the Constitution of Grand Lodge shall then be presented to him.

229. A candidate for initiation upon whom the committee has reported unfavorably or against whom the ballot has been declared unfavorable by the Master, shall be considered a rejected candidate. No petition shall be received from any such rejected candidate dated within twelve months after the date of such rejection; and in case any candidate is rejected, either by unfavorable report or by adverse ballot it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give immediate notice to the Masters of Lodges within the same District and to the Grand Secretary.

230. By a vote of the Lodge the dues of any member may be remitted.

231. Every candidate initiated in or affiliated with a Lodge becomes a member thereof from the date of his initiation or affiliation and is liable for the regular Lodge dues.

232. Every Lodge shall register with the Grand Secretary the names of the brethren initiated or affiliated therein.

233. Should the Lodge neglect so to do, any brother who has not been registered may apply to the Grand Secretary who on proof being produced that he has paid the full fees of his Lodge, shall give him a certificate which shall entitle him to enjoy the

full privileges of the Craft, and the offending Lodge shall be reported to Grand Lodge and shall be proceeded against for neglecting to make the proper return and for detaining moneys which are the property of Grand Lodge.

234. The Lodge shall procure for every brother initiated therein a Grand Lodge certificate which shall be paid for by the Lodge.

235. No higher degree in Masonry shall be conferred on any brother at a shorter interval than four weeks from the date of his receiving a previous degree, except under dispensation from the Grand Master, nor in any case until he has passed an examination in open Lodge in such previous degree.

236. In case of emergency the following alteration, as to the mode of proposing a candidate is allowed. Two members of a Lodge may transmit in writing to the Master, the usual declaration of any candidate whom they wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency; and the Master, if the emergency be proper, shall cause a notice to be issued to every member; appoint a committee as before provided; and at the same time summon the Lodge to meet at a period of not less than seven clear days from the issuing of the notices for the purpose of balloting for the candidate. If the candidate be then accepted, he may be initiated into the first degree of Masonry. The Master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the said proposition, and the emergency stated, to be recorded in the minute book of the Lodge.

237. If a Mason shall have been elected to receive the three degrees, and shall have received the first degree or the first and second degrees in one Lodge, he may, at the request of such Lodge, and on its behalf and without additional fees, receive the remaining degrees or degree in another Lodge. No petition, reference or ballot shall be necessary in the last named Lodge as the work will be done for the first of which he will be deemed a member. But in no case shall the degree of Entered Apprentice be conferred by one Lodge at the request of another.

238. A Lodge shall not advance an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft to a higher degree before at least one month has elapsed since the conferring on him of the previous degree, except by the dispensation of the Grand Master, nor until, upon a strict examination in open Lodge, he shall have given satisfactory evidence that he is entirely proficient and well qualified in that or those which he has already taken, and no Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft shall be advanced to a higher degree in any Lodge other than that in which he shall have received those, or either of those degrees, unless by the official consent of such Lodge, if it then be in existence.

AFFILIATION.

239. No brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge except upon petition signed by the applicant and presented in open Lodge at a regular meeting, accompanied by a dimit or certificate of standing nor unless notice of his name, occupation and place of abode, and the name and number of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member and

name of recommenders, shall have been embodied in the notice for the next regular meeting at which the application shall be considered, nor until he has been balloted for as hereinafter provided.

The form of petition shall be as follows:

PETITION FOR AFFILIATION.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and
Members, of..... Lodge
No..... G.R.A. A.F. & A.M.

I.....
(in full)

respectfully represent that I am a Mason in good standing, as by the accompanying certificate will appear, and that I now desire, if found worthy, to become a member of your Lodge, and promise to abide by the laws of your Lodge and the regulations of the Grand Lodge.

I was born at.....; my age
is.....years; my occupation is.....;
I reside at.....; I was raised in
.....Lodge, No....., located at
.....

Dated at..... this
.....day ofA.D. 190....

(Signature).....

We, the undersigned, are personally acquainted with the above named brother and cheerfully recommend him as a proper candidate for membership in our Lodge.

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In all cases where the petition for Affiliation is rejected, the Dimit or Certification of Standing accompanying it must be returned to the Petitioner; if the candidate be elected, such Dimit or Certificate of Standing must be cancelled and fyled by the Secretary of the Lodge.

240. When a Lodge has ceased to meet, any member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another Lodge on producing a certificate from the Grand Secretary stating the fact and specifying that the brother has been registered and that his dues are paid.

241. If any member shall be under suspension from his Lodge or shall withdraw from it without having complied with its by-laws or with the general regulations of the Craft he shall not be eligible for admission to any other Lodge.

242. A brother suspended by a Lodge must, in order to obtain his certificate of standing, apply to that Lodge for restoration in the usual manner as laid down in the regulations for the government of Masonic trials.

243. Every petition for affiliation shall be recommended by at least two members of the Lodge Master Masons in good standing, and shall be referred to a committee of the Lodge, which committee shall report to the Lodge at the next regular meeting before the ballot is taken, and should the report be unfavorable the applicant shall be considered rejected without a ballot.

244. The proceedings in connection with the balloting for joining members shall so far as applicable, be the same as those in connection with the initiation of candidates.

245. An applicant for affiliation who has been rejected, may apply again to the same or any other Lodge without waiting for any specified time.

246. If the petitioner be a Mason suspended for non-payment of dues from a Lodge since extinct, his application to the Grand Secretary for a certificate shall be accompanied by the amount of his delinquent dues, and upon presentation of certificate from the Grand Secretary that his dues have been paid, or remitted in whole or in part, as provided in section 223, he shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another Lodge.

DIMIT

247. A member of a Lodge in good standing and whose dues are paid may withdraw at any time by making an application for such withdrawal at a regular meeting, and he shall receive a certificate of the fact of such withdrawal. Membership in the Lodge shall terminate upon the granting of a dimit.

No recommendary certificate shall be given a brother so withdrawing except by a special vote of the majority of the members of the Lodge then present.

248. The certificate of standing must be produced with the application for membership to the Lodge of which the brother in whose favor the certificate is issued, desires to become a joining member. Such certificate shall be filed in the archives of the Lodge which admits the brother as such joining member.

VISITORS.

249. A brother in good standing properly vouch-
ed for, may visit a Lodge in the discretion of the Master.

250. No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he is personally vouched for, or after due examination by two or more of the members present, nor unless he shall have entered his name, Masonic rank, the name of the Lodge from which he hails, in a book to be kept by every Lodge for that purpose; and during his continuance in the Lodge he is subject to its by-laws.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

251. Lodges may by by-law admit their members to life membership on such terms as they may determine. For each life member the Lodge may pay into Grand Lodge the sum of five dollars, which payment shall exempt the Lodge from payment of further dues to Grand Lodge on his behalf.

252. Upon a life member withdrawing from the Lodge of which he originally became a life member and joining any other Lodge, such other Lodge shall not be obliged to pay any annual dues to Grand Lodge on his account-; nor in case he became a life member of such other Lodge, shall it be obliged to pay a second fee therefor to Grand Lodge, but if such life member does not withdraw and joins another Lodge, the latter Lodge shall be liable to Grand Lodge for his dues.

253. Life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Lodge and shall be amendable to discipline in the same manner as ordinary members.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

254. Any brother who may have rendered service to the Craft in general or to any particular Lodge, may by a three-fourths ballot vote of the members present, be elected an honorary member. Notice of motion for conferring such membership shall be given at a previous meeting and entered on the notice for the meeting at which the vote is to take place. The Lodge must include honorary members in its return to Grand Lodge, and pay to Grand Lodge such dues as are payable for ordinary members.

SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

255. A Lodge shall have power to enact By-Laws requiring and regulating the payment of Lodge dues and providing a penalty for non-payment thereof, which penalty shall be suspension; but such penalty shall not be inflicted except for the non-payment of at least one year's dues, nor until the brother shall have been duly summoned one month previous to pay said dues.

256. In case no provision has been made in the By-laws of a Lodge for notice to, and procedure against a member for non-payment of dues, the following procedure shall be adopted: "In case the dues of a member remain unpaid for twelve months after the expiration of the Masonic year in which the same became due, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge to read out the name of such member in default, after which a special summons to appear at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, to show cause why he should not be suspended, together with a statement of the amount of dues remaining unpaid shall be sent to such member; such summons shall be deemed duly served if mailed to him, registered, or delivered to the last known address of such member. Should the brother in default fail to appear at the appointed time, or appearing, fail to pay his dues, or fail to give the Lodge a satisfactory reason for his delinquency, and procure to be granted by a vote of the Lodge a further specified time for such payment, then the Worshipful Master shall formally declare him suspended from the privileges of Masonry; but payment of dues at the appointed time, or such other specified time shall discontinue further proceedings.

257. When a Mason is suspended for non-payment of dues in this or any other jurisdiction, he is during such suspension deprived of all the privileges of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

258. If within one year from the date of suspension the delinquent brother shall pay the amount due at the date of the suspension, the Master shall without a vote of the Lodge, declare him re-instated, which fact shall be entered on the records and entitle him to full membership in the Lodge.

259. If such payment is not made within one year from the date of suspension he can only be reinstated by a majority vote of the Lodge upon a petition therefor. The petition must be presented at a regular meeting of the Lodge and must not be acted upon before the next regular meeting thereafter, notice of such petition having been inserted in the notice calling such meeting. On petition there need be no recommendation nor committee of investigation appointed.

260. If such dues are paid with a view to restoration and restoration is refused by a vote of the Lodge, the money so paid shall be refunded.

261. All petitions for restoration must be accompanied by amount of dues in arrears at date of suspension, or such other sum as the Lodge may by resolution decide to accept.

262. A Mason under suspension is not entitled to receive Masonic charity or Masonic burial.

263. No Lodge or Grand Lodge dues shall accrue against a Mason during his term of suspension.

BALLOTING

264. Every member of a Lodge, when present, shall unless excused by the Worshipful Master, be required to vote by ballot upon all petitions for affiliation or for the degrees of Masonry.

265. If a brother shall violate the secrecy of the ballot on candidates for initiation or membership, by stating how he voted or intended to vote, or by endeavoring to ascertain how a brother voted, or if he should be aware of how a brother voted and mention it to another brother, shall render himself liable to severe Masonic censure, and for a second offence to suspension.

266. An application shall not be withdrawn after reference to a committee except as hereinafter provided in this section. If the report of the committee be unfavorable, a ballot shall not be had, but the Master, shall upon the reception of such report, declare the candidate rejected. If the report be favorable, a ballot shall be had, and it shall require two or more black balls to reject, unless the by-laws of the Lodge provide that one black ball shall reject. If the ballot be not favorable, the Master, without declaring the result, may at once order a second ballot for the purpose of correcting a possible mistake, which ballot shall be the last; but in no case after one ballot has been had, shall any discussion be permitted in the Lodge before the second ballot is had, nor shall the second ballot be postponed to another meeting of the Lodge. If a committee finds a candidate disqualified on account of insufficient residence, or physical disability, and find no other objection to him, they shall make a special report thereon; in which case the Master may direct the withdrawal of the application without further action, and such direction shall be entered upon the record.

267. A dispensation shall not be issued to a Lodge to receive and act upon the petition of a rejected applicant, within less than twelve months

after the date of such rejection, unless the application therefor be made by the Lodge, by a unanimous vote by ballot.

268. A Lodge shall not have more than one ballot for the three degrees.

NON-AFFILIATED MASONS

269. It is the duty of every Master Mason to be a member of some Lodge, and every non-affiliated Mason, who having resided six months within this jurisdiction, shall refuse or neglect to make application for membership to some Lodge therein, shall not be entitled to the benefit of the benevolent fund or to any of the rights, privileges or benefits of the Craft nor to Masonic burial, nor to take part in any Masonic ceremony, public or private, nor to be entitled to any Masonic privilege whatever, nor can he be permitted to visit any one Lodge in the town or place where he resides more than twice during his secession from the Craft.

270. Every Lodge shall annually send a list to the Grand Secretary, of the names of the Master Wardens and Past Masters of the Lodge who are entitled to attend Grand Lodge. No brother shall be permitted to attend in Grand Lodge unless his name appears in such list.

271. A Lodge may require from its Treasurer or Secretary or both, security for the funds committed to their care.

272. No member of a Lodge shall under any circumstances give a certificate or recommendation to enable a Mason to proceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in any itinerint manner to apply to Lodges for relief.

273. If a Lodge be dissolved its warrant and records shall be delivered up to the Grand Secretary.

274. If the warrant of a Lodge be disposed of by improper means it shall be forfeited and the Lodge erased.

275. If the membership of a Lodge be reduced below seven its warrant ceases and the Lodge becomes extinct.

276. No Lodge shall be erased or its warrant declared forfeited until the Master or in his absence the Wardens, shall have been notified in writing of the cause of complaint made against the Lodge and shall have been summoned to answer the same. (See section 44.)

277. The expense of procuring the clothing and jewel for the District Deputy Grand Master shall be paid by the Lodges in each district.

SUSPENSION.

278. A Lodge has jurisdiction over its own members wherever they may reside, and also over all Masons whether affiliated or not, who reside in its territorial jurisdiction; and non-affiliation of a brother is no bar to his Masonic punishment.

279. A Lodge cannot deprive a member of his privileges until after due trial and conviction.

280. Suspended members are deprived of all their Masonic rights and privileges.

281. The suspension of a Lodge places all its members under Masonic disability except by dispensation to be granted by the Grand Master.

282. A brother suspended by a Lodge must, in order to obtain his certificate of standing, apply to that Lodge for restoration in the usual manner, as laid down in the rules for the government of Masonic trials.

PUBLIC PROCESSIONS

283. A public procession shall not on any pretence be allowed, without the permission of the Grand Master, except a Masonic funeral, the urgency of which will not admit of the delay necessary to communicate with him. Such proceeding shall be immediately reported by the Master of the Lodge to the Grand Secretary.

284. If a brother shall attend as a Mason clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the Craft, at any public procession or at any public meeting, except a Masonic funeral, without the permission of the Grand Master, he shall be rendered incapable of ever after being an officer of a Lodge, and also be excluded the benefit of the general charity. And if any Lodge shall so offend, it shall stand suspended until the Grand Lodge shall determine thereon.

FEES.

285. The following shall be the fees payable to Grand Lodge:

For a dispensation for a Lodge \$25.

For a warrant \$35.

For a new warrant in case of loss by fire or otherwise, \$10.

For a dispensation to confer any degree in less time than four weeks, \$10.

For a dispensation authorizing a Lodge to receive and act upon a petition from a candidate for initiation who resides outside the jurisdiction of that Lodge, \$10.

For a dispensation authorizing a Lodge to receive and act upon a petition for initiation from a person who has not resided for one year within its jurisdiction, \$5.

For a dispensation for any public procession or function, \$1.

For a dispensation to elect and install (or either) at a time other than that fixed by the by-laws, \$2.

For a Past Master's certificate, \$1.

For every person initiated into a Lodge, \$2, which shall entitle him to registration and a Grand Lodge certificate. This must be paid on the registration of every initiate.

For every member of each Lodge, 25c. semi-annual.

For a dispensation for any purpose not specifically provided for, \$10.

INSTITUTING A NEW LODGE.

286. Every application for a warrant to hold a new Lodge must be by petition to the Grand Master, signed by at least seven regularly registered Master Masons and the Lodges to which they belong or formerly belonged must be specified. The petition must be recommended by the nearest Lodge and in case of there being more than two Lodges in the jurisdiction it shall require the recommendation of not less than one-half of said Lodges and be transmitted to the District Deputy Grand Master, who is to forward it with his recommendation or opinion thereon to the Grand Secretary to be submitted to the Grand Master. If the prayer of the petition be granted the Grand Master may issue a dispensation authorizing the brethren to meet as a Lodge until the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge. If, in the opinion of the Grand Master, the recommendation of the nearest Lodge or Lodges be unreasonably withheld, he shall have the power to waive such recommendation.

287. A motion recommending a new Lodge is in order at a regular meeting of the nearest Lodge without previous notice.

288. The recommendation from the nearest Lodge or Lodges required for a petition must be passed in open Lodge upon a regular resolution and signed by the Master and Secretary of the Lodge attached, and in no case shall be given without such resolution and signatures. The following is the form of petition:—

To M.W. the Grand Master of the Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Alberta.

We, the undersigned, being regularly registered Masons of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, are anxious to extend our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the general principles of the art; and for the convenience of our respective dwellings and other good reasons we are desirous of forming a new Lodge to be named

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in consequence of this desire we pray for a Warrant of Constitution empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge at.....in the county of..... on the

..... of every month and there to discharge the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner according to the forms of the Order and the laws of Grand Lodge; and we have nominated and do recommend brother (A. B.) to be the first Master; brother (C. D.)..... to be the first Senior Warden, and brother (E. F.)

.....to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted we promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master and the laws and regulations of Grand Lodge.

289. No warrant for a new Lodge shall be granted until there is furnished by the District Deputy Grand Master a certificate to the effect that the Lodge which is working under dispensation is provided with suitable furniture and regalia. (See Sec. 69.)

102 CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

290. Every new Lodge shall be instituted by the Grand Master; or in his absence by a Deputy appointed by him.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

291. It is not legal to install the Master of a Lodge under dispensation.

292. A Lodge under dispensation may be represented in Grand Lodge at the annual meeting at which a warrant is obtained but not by a proxy.

293. A Lodge under dispensation shall transmit to the Grand Secretary two weeks before the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge its minute book and register. After receiving its warrant the dispensation shall immediately be returned to the Grand Secretary.

AMALGAMATION OF LODGES.

294. Two or more Lodges may amalgamate under one warrant. Each Lodge shall adopt a resolution to that effect and appoint a committee of three members to arrange the terms therefor. Notice of such resolution shall be given at a preceding meeting in each Lodge. The report of the committee if favorable, shall recommend for adoption the name and number of one of the Lodges and the time and place for such amalgamation. On the approval of the report of the committee by the Lodges a copy thereof shall be mailed to the last known address of each member of said Lodges about to be amalgamated, and unless seven or more members of either of the Lodges notify the Secretary of their Lodge in writing, of their

objection of such amalgamation, within ten days of the date of mailing such notice it shall be carried into effect as soon as the Grand Master shall approve of such amalgamation. The Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master or such other brother as the Grand Master may appoint, shall carry the amalgamation into effect by attending at the time and place named, when the members of the Lodge present shall choose by ballot the elective officers, who with the officers appointed by the Master-elect, shall be immediately installed or invested if present.

The Secretary shall prepare and deliver to the Master-elect a list of the members of the amalgamated Lodge which shall be signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary within one month after the amalgamation. Every member of any of the Lodges amalgamated shall be a member of the amalgamated Lodge, but any member may pay all his dues and withdraw before such amalgamation has been effected. Any member under suspension for any cause shall have the same rights in the amalgamated Lodge as he would have had in his own Lodge had such amalgamation not taken place.

CERTIFICATES.

295. The following Grand Lodge certificates may be issued:—

To a brother upon being registered in the books of Grand Lodge, as having been initiated passed and raised in a Lodge.

To a brother, who either as an Entered Apprentice or as a Fellow Craft, hailing from a

foreign jurisdiction, has become a joining member of a Lodge and who therein has received the remaining degree or degrees.

To a member of a Lodge which has ceased to meet to enable him to affiliate with another Lodge; such certificate to state the fact that he was a member, that he had been registered and that his Grand Lodge dues are paid.

To any Past Master under this Grand Lodge who desires the same and pays therefor one dollar into the funds of Grand Lodge.

296. All Grand Lodge certificates shall be issued by the Grand Secretary with seal of Grand Lodge attached and shall be in such form as the Board of General Purposes may from time to time direct

297. Every brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate immediately upon being registered in the books of Grand Lodge.

298. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge certificate is granted, must sign his name in the margin thereof or it will not be valid.

299. No brother shall obtain a Grand Lodge certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of Masonry on the same day or at a shorter interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree unless by dispensation from the Grand Master.

300. Every return or other document upon which a Grand Lodge certificate is to be issued, must specify not only the date of initiation but also the

days on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degrees.

301. All applications for Grand Lodge certificates must be made to the Grand Secretary; and if the name of a brother wishing for a certificate, has not been previously registered the payment on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate can on any account be issued until such money has been paid.

DISSOLUTION OF LODGES

302. As every chartered Lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a Charter; if, therefore, the majority of any Lodge should determine to quit the Lodge, the Constitution or power of assembling, remains with the rest of the members; provided their number be not less than seven, otherwise the Charter ceases and becomes extinct.

303. A Lodge shall not be erased or its Charter declared forfeited, until the Master, or in his absence the Wardens, shall have been warned in writing, of its offence, and shall have been summoned to answer to the complaint made against it.

304. If the Charter of a Lodge be sold or procured by any other means than through the regular channel of petition to the Grand Master, such Charter shall be forfeited and the Lodge erased.

305. A Lodge may be dissolved—

1st. By the voluntary surrender of its Charter, when such surrender shall have been accepted by the Grand Lodge; or—

2nd. By the revocation of its Charter by Grand Lodge.

306. The Charter of a Lodge may be surrendered if notice be given at a regular meeting that a resolution to that effect be presented at the next succeeding one, and if, at such succeeding meeting, three fourths at least of the members present are in favor of such resolution; but no such act of surrender shall be considered final until it shall have been approved and accepted by the Grand Lodge. No such resolution, however, shall be considered unless the same shall have been inserted in the notice, and the notice regularly sent to each member of the Lodge.

307. The Charter of a Lodge may be forfeited—

1st. By disobedience to any provision of the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge.

2nd. By disregard of the lawful authority of the Grand Master.

3rd. By violation or neglect of the ancient and recognized usages of the Craft.

4th. By receiving applicants known to be unworthy, or refusing or neglecting to discipline unworthy members.

5th. By failure to meet during a period of twelve successive months.

308. No Charter shall be forfeited unless charges against the Lodge shall have been presented to and investigated in the Grand Lodge, of which the Lodge accused shall have due notice; though the same may be arrested until the next annual communication, either by the Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master, upon satisfactory reasons therefor being shown.

309. The forfeiture or arrest of the Charter of a Lodge involves the suspension of all its members from the rights and privileges of Masonry, except those who may be specially declared exempted from such effect.

310. The surrender or forfeiture of the Charter of a Lodge, when declared by the Grand Lodge, shall be conclusive upon the Lodge and its members; and all the authority granted by such Charter, together with all the records, funds, jewels, furniture, dues and property of such Lodge of every kind, shall revert to the Grand Lodge.

CLOTHING AND INSIGNIA.

311. No honorary or other jewel shall be worn in the Grand Lodge, or any Subordinate Lodge, which shall not appertain to the degrees of Craft Masonry. (Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges may wear the Regalia authorized by their Grand Lodge.)

312. The following Masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the Craft:—

JEWELS

- THE GRAND MASTER -- The compass extended to 45 degrees with the segment of a circle at the points, and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye irradiated, within a triangle also irradiated.
- PAST GRAND MASTER -- A similar jewel without the gold plate.
- DEPUTY GRAND MASTER ----- The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the center.
- PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER ----- The compasses and square only.
- GRAND SENIOR WARDEN ----- The level.
- GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN ----- The plumb.
- DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER -- The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre, the whole to be placed within a circle, on which the number of the district is to be engraved.

PAST DISTRICT DEP-
UTY GRAND MAS-

TER. The same, omitting
the five pointed star
in the centre.

GRAND TREASURER A chased key.

GRAND SECRETARY Crossed pens, with a
tie.

GRAND REGISTRAR A scroll.

GRAND CHAPLAIN A book on a triangle.

GRAND DEACONS Dove and olive branch.

GRAND DIRECTOR OF
CEREMONIES Cross-rods.

GRAND ORGANIST A lyre.

GRAND PURSUIVANT Arms of the Grand
Lodge with rod and
sword crossed.

The jewels of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secre-
tary, Grand Registrar, Grand Chaplain, Grand
Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand
Director of Ceremonies, Grand Organist and
Grand Pursuivant are to be within a circle, with
an embossed wreath composed of a sprig of acacia
and an ear of corn.

The jewel of the Grand Stewards of the Grand Lodge is a cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses, extended upon an irradiated gold plate, within a circle, on which is engraven "Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons."

GRAND TYLER ----- The sword in a circle on which is engraven "The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, Grand Tyler."

All of the above jewels to be of gold or gilt.

MASTER OF LODGE..... The square.

PAST MASTER..... The square and the diagram of the 47th proposition, first book of Euclid engraven on a silver plate peddant within it.

SENIOR WARDEN ----- The level.

JUNIOR WARDEN ----- The plumb.

TREASURER ----- The keys.

SECRETARY ----- The cross pens.

CHAPLAIN ----- A book on a triangle.

DEACONS ----- The dove.

DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES..... The cross rods.

ORGANISTThe lyre.

INNER GUARDThe cross swords.

STEWARDSThe cornucopia.

TylerThe sword.

All of the above jewels to be of silver.

COLLARS

313. OF THE GRAND LODGE. To be chain collars
of gilt or gold on garter
blue ribbon.

OF LODGESTo be sky-blue ribbon
four inches broad; if
silver chain be used it
must be placed over
the blue ribbon.

The Grand Stewards of the year to wear collars
of crimson, four inches broad, bound with silver
lace.

All Past Grand Officers, except Past Grand Mas-
ters shall wear the jewel of their respective offices
on a blue enamelled oval medal.

APRONS

314. The apron of the Grand Master is ornamented
with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the
centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus,

with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the flap; all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

The apron of the Deputy Grand Master to have the emblem of his office in gold embroidery in the centre, and the pomegranate and the lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

The aprons of the District Deputy Grand Masters to have the emblem of their office in gold embroidery in the centre, and the acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered on the edging, one on each side.

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE,

PRESENT AND PAST. ---Aprons from fourteen to sixteen inches wide twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at the bottom, lined with garter-blue, edging of the same color three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblem of their office, in gold or blue, in the centre.

GRAND STEWARDS, PRES-

ENT AND PAST. ---Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with crimson edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with silver and silver tassels.

THE MASTERS AND PAST

MASTERS OF LODGES. To wear in lieu and in place of the three rosettes on the Master Masons apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two and a half inches each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch; these emblems to be half an inch broad. If Grand Officers, similar emblems of garter-blue or gold.

ENTERED APPRENTICE -- A plain white lambskin of the same dimensions without ornament, white strings.

FELLOW CRAFT ----- A plain white lambskin similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

MASTER MASON ----- The same, with sky-blue lining and edging, one and a half inches

deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed except to Officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their office in the centre of the apron.

315. In the Grand Lodge, and on all occasions where the Grand Officers appear in their official capacities, they shall wear the following regalia:

GRAND MASTER ----- Chain with nine stars over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.. Chain with seven stars over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

GRAND SENIOR AND GRAND
JUNIOR WARDENS -- Chain with five stars over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND

MASTER -----Chain with five stars
over blue collar,
gauntlets and apron,
bound and embroider-
ed in gold, and jewel.

GRAND TREASURER,

GRAND SECRETARY,

GRAND REGISTRAR,

GRAND CHAPLAIN.Chain with five stars
over blue collar, gaunt-
lets and apron, all
bound and embroider-
ed, in gold, and jewel.

ALL OTHER GRAND OF-
FICERS (EXCEPT

GRAND STEWARDS)--Chain with three stars
over blue collar, and
apron all bound in gold
and jewel.

MASONIC TRIALS

RULES RESPECTING TRIALS FOR MASONIC OFFENCES AND PROCEEDINGS THEREIN.

316. 1. The following are Masonic offences:

- (a) Atheism.
- (b) Contempt for God and religion.
- (c) Any violation of the Constitution, laws, edicts, rules or regulations of Grand Lodge.

(d) Any violation of the by-laws of a Lodge by a member thereof.

(e) Disobedience to those in authority or contemptuous language towards them.

(f) Contemptuous expressions regarding Masonry.

(g) Any intentional violation of the technical parts or points of the several Masonic obligations.

(h) Any violations of the particular injunctions of the ritual or any of the landmarks of Masonry.

(i) Improper revelations.

(j) Countenance of impostors.

(k) Masonic communion with clandestine Masons or irregular Lodges.

(l) Violation of the secrecy of the ballot.

(m) Improper solicitation of candidates.

(n) Wronging a Mason by fraud.

(o) Using a Masonic emblem as a trademark or business sign.

(p) All public crimes and misdemeanors involving moral turpitude.

(q) Drunkenness and profligacy.

(r) Fighting.

(s) Adultery and all lascivious associations, whether with a relative of a Mason or with a stranger.

(t) Cruelty to wife or child.

JURISDICTION.

2. For any offence against the by-laws of his Lodge a Mason must be tried by the Lodge to which he belongs.

3. For any other Masonic offence a Mason may be tried either by the Lodge to which he belongs, or by the Lodge nearest his place of residence, or by a commission appointed by the Grand Master.

4. A trial of either Lodge, followed by conviction or acquittal, shall be a bar to any other prosecution for the same offence.

5. All charges of unmasonic conduct shall be made in writing, with particulars specifying with reasonable certainty the particulars of the offence alleged and the time and place of its commission, as near as may be practicable, and be signed by the accuser, who must be an affiliated Master Mason in good standing.

6. All charges and particulars shall be filed with the secretary of the Lodge, who shall forthwith notify all the members of the Lodge that such charges have been received against a brother (but shall not state the name of the brother, or the nature of the charges), and that they will be read at the next regular meeting, which shall be held not less than eight days after the charges have been received; and at such meeting the charges shall be read in open Lodge.

7. The trial of charges may proceed at any meeting appointed for the purpose, and continue until completed; and in case the trial be not completed at one meeting it may be continued at any subsequent meeting to which the same may be postponed. Notice of any postponement or adjournment shall be given to all parties concerned.

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS,
NOTICES, ETC.

8. When charges shall be presented and read as provided above, the Lodge shall decide by a majority vote whether the charges shall be accepted and

the accused brother be placed on trial, or the charges be dismissed; when decided in the affirmative, the charges cannot be withdrawn, except for cause shown, and by the vote of two-thirds of the members present; such charges shall not be amended except by a majority vote, of which proposed amendment the accused shall have due notice.

9. Immediately upon the acceptance of charges by a Lodge, the Master shall appoint the time and place of trial; and it shall be the duty of the Master to cause the accused to be served with a duly attested copy of the charges and particulars and notice stating the time and place appointed for the trial thereof. Provided always, that the accused shall be entitled to reasonable time and opportunity to prepare his defence.

10. If the accused shall neglect or refuse to attend in person, or by some brother authorized in writing to act as counsel, after notice has been duly served on him, or if notice cannot be served on him personally by reason of his residence being unknown or beyond the limits of the District in which the Lodge is located, then a copy of such notice shall be sent to him by mail, registered, addressed to him at his last known place of residence, or left at his last known place of residence, or with a grown-up member of his family; and upon proof that the notice has been sent to him, or left for him as above prescribed, the Lodge at the time in such notice specified may proceed without his presence, and conduct the proceedings to a final issue. "Provided," that at least one regular meeting shall intervene between the time of mailing, sending or leaving such notice, and any action by the Lodge in pursuance

thereof. In such cases the Lodge shall appoint a competent brother to act as counsel for, or representative of the accused

TRIAL, WITNESSES AND TESTIMONY

11. Witnesses in Masonic trials who are Masons shall be mentally competent, and in good standing in the Fraternity, and may be affiliated or non-affiliated brethren.

12. Every Mason shall give his testimony on his honor as a Mason.

13. Witnesses in Masonic trials who are not Masons shall be any person of sound mind of such religious belief as to feel the obligations of an oath, and they shall solemnly pledge themselves to state the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. The evidence of such persons must be received with caution when disputed by the accused, and in fact, should be admitted only when their evidence cannot be supplied by a Mason, unless in cases requiring corroborative evidence.

14. The evidence of both the accuser and the accused, if offered, shall be received in any Masonic trial. The status of a Mason under charges is not affected until after conviction.

15. The testimony of witnesses who are Masons, may be taken in open Lodge, or by a Special Committee appointed by the Master. Witnesses who are not Masons, shall be examined only by a Committee appointed for the purpose by the Master. In either case the accused and the accuser, in person or by a brother Mason as counsel or representative, shall be entitled to be present and propound such relevant questions as they may desire.

16. The testimony of any witnesses, unable to attend the Lodge or a Committee may be taken by deposition before a properly authorized person, who must be a Mason authorized for the purpose, due notice of the time and place having first been given to all parties concerned.

17. It shall be the duty of the accused and accuser to secure the attendance of their respective witnesses who are not Masons; and through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge they may, when necessary, summons for such purposes any resident Mason, whether he be a member of the Lodge or not.

18. When testimony is taken in open Lodge the Lodge shall be opened in the first degree; but the decision as to guilt or innocence, and the question of punishment, shall be severally determined in and by a Lodge of Master Masons.

19. The Master shall decide all questions arising as to the relevancy of the evidence and the regularity of the proceedings; and the Secretary, or other person appointed for that purpose by the Master, shall take down in writing all the evidence submitted by both the prosecution and defence, and note all objections made by either party; and the rulings of the Master and the record thereof shall be filed among the archives of the Lodge, and the main facts of the case shall be entered upon the Lodge records.

20. At the conclusion of the evidence the accused and the accuser in person, or their counsel or representative, may, if they desire, address such revelant remarks to the Lodge upon the merits of the case as may be deemed proper; after which the accused

and the accuser shall retire from the Lodge. Any member entitled to vote may express his views of the case, and of the law and the facts involved; and no member shall be permitted to withdraw from the Lodge until after final action, except for urgent cause, and the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

21. When a Committee is appointed, as before mentioned, it shall consist of not less than three members of the Lodge, either of whom, if objected to by either of the parties for cause to be fully explained by the objecting party, may be removed by the Master and another appointed.

22. Every such Committee shall convene and select from their number a chairman and secretary, and when so organized shall have power, through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge, to summon before them the accused and the accuser, with their respective witnesses.

23. The proceedings of such Committee shall be governed by the foregoing provisions so far as applicable. The duties of the Master and Secretary of the Lodge above described shall apply to and may be discharged by the chairman and secretary of the Committee.

24. The Committee may sit whenever and as often as it may deem best for the interest of Masonry and the full investigation of the complaints before them; "Provided," that every trial begun shall be prosecuted with as much dispatch as the law governing the same, and full justice to the accused and accuser will permit.

25. When the Committee have concluded their labors they shall report their proceedings and all the evidence to the Lodge; and upon retirement of the accused and the accuser any member of the Lodge present may express his views of the case; and any portion or the whole of the evidence shall be read, as he may require to enable him to come to a decision.

26. A brother against whom charges have been preferred, may deny or admit any portion or the whole of the charges and specifications.

27. In case an accused brother shall plead guilty, such plea shall be accepted as evidence, and shall render the taking of further proof unnecessary; but such plea shall not excuse the Lodge from voting upon the question of guilt or innocence.

28. No visitor shall attend the Lodge or Committee for any purpose other than giving testimony during any proceedings of a Masonic trial, unless permission be granted by the Master, or by the Lodge or by a Committee, when the proceedings are before a Committee.

JUDGMENT

29. Upon conclusion of a trial the question of "guilty" or "not guilty" shall be immediately and distinctly put by the Master, upon each charge in its order, which shall be voted upon separately, and every member present shall be required to vote by ballot, and it shall require a vote of a majority to sustain any charge.

30. If any charge shall be sustained, the accused shall then and there be declared guilty, and the Master shall put the question as to whether the accused shall be suspended indefinitely, suspended for a definite time, or reprimanded. Each of these questions shall be put separately, in the above order, if necessary and shall be decided by a majority of the members present; and every member present shall be required to vote by ballot. The Lodge may also by a like ballot recommend to the Grand Lodge that the offender be expelled.

31. When any Mason after due trial shall be found guilty of unmasonic conduct, punishment shall follow, which shall be proportionate to the offence.

32 . When any Mason shall have been suspended by a Lodge, he shall be notified of such action by the Secretary, who shall also immediately report the same to the Grand Secretary. When any brother shall have been acquitted, he shall be notified of the same by the Master in open Lodge, as well as by the Secretary in writing.

PUNISHMENT

33. The Masonic punishment which shall be inflicted by chartered Lodges for unmasonic conduct after due trial and conviction, shall be in the discretion of the Lodge, either indefinite suspension, definite suspension or reprimand.

34. Suspension for any offence subjects an offender, during such suspension, to an absolute deprivation of all the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry to the offender and his family.

35. Suspension shall require the vote of a majority of the members present, and the penalty and the period of suspension may be voted upon together or separately. "Provided," that no definite suspension shall be voted for a longer time than three years nor for a less time than three months.

36. Reprimand shall be the least Masonic punishment, and shall only be inflicted after due trial and conviction, and when voted by a majority of the members present; and reprimand shall be administered in open Lodge by the Master.

APPEALS

37. Any Mason who has been subjected to any of the foregoing proceedings of a Lodge, or against whom charges have been presented, or his accuser or any member of the Lodge, has the right to appeal from any verdict or sentence, therein in his case rendered or adjudged, and from any vote or decision of a Lodge upon the subject of any charge, and such appeal may be made to the Grand Master or to the Grand Lodge.

38. All appeals from any such verdict or sentence of a Lodge shall be made in writing, and contain a statement of the case, the exceptions taken to the decision of a Lodge appealed from, and the grounds upon which they are based. The appeal shall be filed with the Grand Secretary thirty days prior to the next succeeding Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, if possible.

39. The appellant shall give the Lodge appealed from notice of his intention within twenty-one days after receiving notice of its action or decision; and the Secretary of such Lodge, under the direction of the Master, shall at least ten days before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, produce to the Grand Secretary, and also give to the appellant, and to any brother affected by the decision appealed from, if demanded, a certified copy of all the charges papers, proceedings and evidence in the case. "Provided," the terms herein specified shall intervene between such decisions and the Annual Communication aforesaid; if not, then such time shall apply to the next succeeding Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, or may be disposed of by the Grand Master during recess of the Grand Lodge.

40. Whenever an appeal shall be taken from any Lodge, the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge may, upon investigation—

1st. Dismiss the appeal, approve the proceedings, or affirm the decision appealed from; or

2nd. Modify or change a decision, or sentence, or inflict penalty where the constituent Lodge has failed to do so; or

3rd. Set aside the proceedings of the Lodge for informality, and remand the case for further proceedings; or

4th. Give such directions as may seem reasonable and proper.

41. An appeal may also be taken to the District Deputy Grand Master of the district, for any irregularity in the trial, or any infringement of the rights of the accused, but not on questions of fact.

42. On such appeal the District Deputy Grand Master may either dismiss the appeal or set aside the proceedings and order a new trial.

43. In all cases of appeal, the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge may authorize the District Deputy Grand Master to investigate the case and report with his opinion thereon.

44. The District Deputy Grand Master may hear and determine any subject of Masonic complaint on being specially authorized to do so by the Grand Lodge.

45. The decision or sentence of the District Deputy Grand Master shall in all cases be subject to appeal to the Grand Master.

46. Whenever the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master, on a review of trial or other proceedings of a Lodge resulting in the suspension of a Mason, shall reverse or annul the judgment of said proceedings, or shall order a new trial, the accused shall be thereby restored to all his rights, privileges and membership. When a case is remanded for a new trial, no amendment shall be made to the original charges, unless the accused have due and timely notice thereof.

47. Every Lodge shall communicate to the Grand Secretary and to the District Deputy Grand Master of the District in which the Lodge is situated, all suspensions as they may severally occur.

48. It is provided that as the Grand Lodge, when congregated, is a representative of every individual member in the Fraternity it necessarily possesses a supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interest of the Craft. Any Lodge, or brother, therefore, who may be aggrieved by the decision of any other Masonic authority or jurisdiction may appeal to the Grand Lodge against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. A notice and copy of the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

TRIAL BY COMMISSION.

49. When a case is tried by commission the proceedings thereof shall be under its control. The charge shall be sent to the chairman of the commission, by the Grand Secretary with the notice of the appointment thereof and with any special instructions which may be given by the Grand Master.

50. The Grand Master may at any stage of the case before verdict or judgment is pronounced withdraw a case from trial by a Lodge and refer the same to a commission for trial. The commission shall as nearly as practicable follow the procedure laid down for trial by a Lodge but shall have power to do all things necessary for the proper discharge of the duties entrusted to it. It shall have the same jurisdiction as the Lodges possess respecting the summoning of witnesses and the taking of evidence.

51. The commission shall decide upon the questions of guilt or innocence and punishment in manner as a Lodge is authorized to decide and shall report its conclusions to the Grand Secretary to be laid before the Grand Master.

52. The accuser and accused shall have the same right of appeal as is given from the verdict or decision of a Lodge and the proceedings on such appeal shall be similar to those on appeal from such verdict or decision.

RESTORATIONS AND REINSTATEMENTS.

317. A suspended Mason may be restored by the Grand Lodge or by the Lodge which suspended him.

318. A suspended Mason (unless suspended for non-payment of dues) seeking restoration, shall petition the Lodge by which he was suspended, for his restoration. The petition shall be received at a regular meeting of a Lodge, and shall lie over until the next regular meeting thereafter, before final action thereon.

319. The secretary of the Lodge shall notify all members of the Lodge of such petition, at least one week before the meeting at which the question of restoration is to be voted upon.

320. The vote on the restoration shall be by ballot; and it shall require a majority of twothirds of the members present for its adoption.

321. If the Lodge has ceased to exist, the petition may be made direct to Grand Lodge.

322. Definite suspension shall expire by limitation; and any member so suspended shall be entitled to resume membership, and all the rights and privileges thereof, at the expiration of the time defined in his sentence, without vote or other action on the part of the Lodge.

323. In all cases of restoration by the Grand Lodge, the restored brother resumes the status of non-affiliated brother.

324. In all cases of restoration by a private Lodge, the brother is restored to all his Masonic rights and privileges, including membership in his Lodge.

MASTERS AND LODGES

325. A Worshipful Ma^ster may be tried by his Lodge after the expiration of his official term, for any unmasonic conduct (except for official misconduct, or a violation of his official obligations.) All complaints for official misconduct shall be made to the proper authority during the official term of the offender, or within four weeks after the close of such term, otherwise he shall not be tried therefor.

326. When a controversy shall arise between Lodges or between a Lodge and its Master, or charges be preferred, or an informal complaint be made, the same may be filed with the Grand Secretary, who shall forward the same to the Grand Master; if the matter be deemed by him of a sufficiently grave character to warrant investigation, he may proceed in person, or appoint a commission of not more than seven, and not less than three Masters, or Past Masters, with, if consistent, the District

Deputy Grand Master as chairman, to investigate such charges or complaint; such commission shall have authority to summon witnesses and shall have such other powers as may be specially delegated to them by the Grand Master; and such commission shall make such report and give such opinion to the Grand Master, as will enable him to make a final decision.

327. When the Master or other officer of a Lodge shall be deposed from office only, he shall not thereby be deprived of any of the rights or privileges of membership.

THE GRAND HONORS

328. The Grand Honors are as follows:

"Nine" for Grand Master and for Past Grand Masters.

"Seven" for the Deputy Grand Master, Past Deputy Grand Master.

"Five" for District Deputy Grand Master, and Past D.D.G.M. and all other Elected Grand Officers and Elected Past Grand Officers.

"Three" for all other distinguished brethren.

The Grand Honours are given as follows :

The brethren stand with hands at their sides, palms open and fingers pointed downward. The first movement is to strike the thighs with the

palms of the hands. The second is to cross the arms over the breast, the left over the right, and the open palms of the hands sharply striking the shoulders. The third and last movement is to raise the hands above the head the palms striking each other. This is repeated nine times. After the hands meet on the head at the last movement nine smart slaps of the hand are given with the right open palm on the left open palm then nine on the right open palm with the left open palm and then nine with the right open palm on the left open palm, another with the left on the right open palm and a third with the right on the left open palm, stamping the right foot with each of the single slaps or movements.

If the Grand Master presides the honours are given nine times; if the Deputy Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master presides seven times, and if, any other officer, an appointee or proxy of the Grand Master, presides, the honours are given five times.

(It should be noted that this manner of giving Grand Honours is the same as in the funeral ceremonies with the exception that in the latter the movements are made quietly and silently without the right and left hand movement. It is always well to rehearse the giving of the honours prior to the ceremony so that it may be done skilfully and with precision.)

OF DEFINITIONS

329. The words and terms used in this Constitution shall bear the construction which is given them in the following definitions:—

330. Grand Master.—This title applies only to him who has been elected and installed as Grand Master.

331. Master.—This title applies only to him who has been elected and installed as Master.

332. Past Master.—This title applies only to one who has been regularly elected or named in a charter and installed, and has served a term as Master of a Chartered Lodge.

333. Representative.—The representative of a Lodge within this jurisdiction is one who in the event that neither the Master nor either of the Wardens can be present at the Grand Lodge, has been duly elected by the Lodge at a regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, to represent it at the next Communication.

334. Vacancy.—Vacancies in office, either in a Lodge or in the Grand Lodge, may occur by death, deprivation, removal from the jurisdiction, resignation, suspension or expulsion.

335. Jurisdiction.—The jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge includes all Lodges and Masons within the territorial limits of the Province of Manitoba, and the districts of Assiniboia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Yukon and all Lodges and their members, without this jurisdiction, acting under its authority.

The jurisdiction of a Lodge includes all its own members wherever residing, and all Masons residing nearer to its place of meeting than to that of any other Lodge within this jurisdiction, except in towns

or cities where more than one Lodge exists, in which case each of such Lodges has separate jurisdiction over its own members, and concurrent jurisdiction over all Masons not members of one of such Lodges who reside in such town or city, or nearer thereto than to any other place where a Lodge exists.

336. Regulation.—By a regulation of the Grand Lodge is meant any resolution, edict, law or ordinance of any kind whatever, other than the Constitution, which it may adopt.

337. Suspensions.—The suspension of a Lodge is an arrest of its Charter and a temporary prohibition to assemble or work as a legal Lodge, until again authorized so to do by competent authority; and the act suspends all its members except those especially exempted from its effect.

The suspension of a Master of a Lodge is a temporary deprivation of his office, and prohibits all recognition of him in that capacity until he is restored by competent authority.

The suspension of a Mason is a temporary deprivation of all his rights and privileges, as such, and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him until he shall be legally restored in the manner hereinbefore prescribed.

338. Expulsion.—The expulsion of a Mason is the highest penalty known to the Masonic law. It is an absolute deprivation of all the rights and privileges of the Craft and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him until he is restored by the Grand Lodge.

339. Notification.—A notification or notice is a call issued by the Secretary, by order of the Lodge or Master, or by other competent authority as hereinbefore provided, to attend for some specific purpose at the time and place therein indicated, or to perform some specific duty therein set forth; and it is the duty of every Mason to comply with its direction if he can, without great inconvenience, do so.

340. Summons.—A summons is an imperative order, issued by the Master, or by other competent authority, as hereinbefore provided, to appear at such time and place as may therein be designated. The obligation to obey it is absolute, and the penalty, for disobedience may be, after due trial, expulsion unless it shall be shown that such disobedience was unavoidable or was occasioned by some pressing necessity. It shall be either written or printed, and shall, when practicable, be personally served upon the brother to be notified, by the Tyler or some other Mason properly deputed for that purpose. If this cannot conveniently be done, it shall be mailed, registered, post-paid, addressed to him at his last known place or left at his last known place of residence, or with a grown-up member of his family and this shall be deemed due and sufficient service.

341. Regular Meeting.—The regular meeting of a Lodge is the one only meeting in each month at which business may be done, with the exceptions specified in the Constitution. It shall be designated as such in the by-laws of each Lodge, and no emergent meeting shall ever be considered as a part of any such regular meeting.

342. The word month, whenever it occurs in this Constitution, shall be held to mean lunar month.

Appendix

FORMS

Suggested form of entry in a Minute Book of a Subordinate Lodge.

FORMS FOR RECORDING LODGE MINUTES

REGULAR MINUTES

A regular meeting of -----Lodge, No.-----,
G.R.A., was held in the Masonic Hall,-----on
-----evening, A.D. 19-----, A.L. 59-----
Officers, Members and visitors as per register.

OPENING LODGE

The Lodge was opened in the ----- degree
(York Rite, in the ----- degree in which work
is done, and severally in first, second and third
degrees) of Masonry (if the W.M. is absent), add
by Bro.-----the W.M. being absent) at
-----p.m.

MINUTES CONFIRMED

The minutes of the last regular meeting, held
on-----, and emergent meeting held on-----
were read and confirmed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PETITIONS

The committees on the petitions of W.T.L. and H.E.W. for initiation, and Bros. F.L.P. and A.E.D. for affiliation, reported favorably.

The committee on the petition of L.J.M. reported favorably.

The committee on the petition of J.D.M. for initiation made a special report thereon, stating that the petitioner was disqualified on account of insufficient residence, but it could find no other objection to him.

It was moved by Bro. J. G., seconded by Bro. H. S., and adopted,—That the reports of the committees on the petitions of W.T.L., H.E.W., L.J.M. and J. M. D. for initiation, and Bros. F. L. P. and A. E. D. for affiliation be received and adopted.

The W.M. therefore declared L. J. M. a rejected candidate, and directed the withdrawal of the petition of J. M. D. for initiation, and instructed the Secretary to notify the brethren accordingly, and return the fee of \$-----accompanying the petition.

REPORTS, GENERAL

The committee appointed to take into consideration (here state the subject) submitted its report, which was, on motion of Bro. J. M., seconded by Bro. A. P., received and adopted.

PROPOSALS OF CANDIDATES FOR INITIATION

The petition of J. M. C. for initiation, recommended by Bros. R. C. B. and S. A. O., and accompanied by the fee, \$- - - - -, was read.

It was moved by Bro. J. S., seconded by Bro. J. M., and adopted,—That the petition of J. M. C. be received, placed on the minutes and referred to a committee.

The petition of M. S. J. for initiation, recommended by Bros. C. P. and J. O. A., and accompanied by the fee of \$- - - - -, was read, representing that he had been rejected in - - - - - Lodge, No. - - - - - at Toronto, Ont.

It was moved by Bro. M. J., seconded by Bro. J. S. and adopted,—That the petition of M. S. J. be received, placed on the minutes, and referred to a committee; and that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with - - - - - Lodge, No. - - - - -, regarding the character and standing of the petitioner; the result of the enquiry to be reported to the proper committee.

PROPOSALS OF CANDIDATES FOR AFFILIATION

The petition of Bro. H. D. A. for affiliation, recommended by Bros. S. W. G. and J. G., accompanied by a dinit (or certificate of standing) from - - - - - Lodge, No. - - - - -, Located at - - - - - was read.

It was moved by Bro. D. H. M., seconded by Bro. A. E. M., and adopted,—That the petition of Bro. H. D. A. be received, placed on the minutes, and referred to a committee.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES ON PETITIONS

The W.M. appointed the following committees to make the necessary enquiries regarding the character and standing of the several petitioners, viz.:

On the petitions of J. M. C. and M. S. J. for initiation, Bros. L. S., T. W. L. and R. W. E. On the petition of Bro. H. D. A., for affiliation, Bros. J. A. P., A. G. A. and A. L. Y.

APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL COMMITTEES

The same form, only insert the specific business.

BALLOT

The W.M. ordered the ballot to be passed for W. T. L., a candidate for initiation, and being found favorable he was declared elected.

The ballot was passed for H. E. W., a candidate for initiation, and being found unfavorable, the candidate was declared rejected.

The Secretary was instructed to return to the rejected candidate the fee of \$-----, which accompanied his petition.

The ballot was passed for Bro. F. L. P., a candidate for affiliation, and being found unfavorable, he was declared rejected.

The Secretary was instructed to return to Bro. F. L. P. the certificate of standing, which accompanied his petition.

The ballot was passed for Bro. A. E. D., a candidate for affiliation, and being found favorable, he was declared elected.

The Secretary was instructed to cancel the dimit fyled by Bro. A. E. D.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were read, viz.;

From the Grand Secretary, dated July 20, 19 ----, calling the attention of the Lodge to the fact that the returns for the half year ending 24th June, 19 ----, had not been received, and stating that the Grand Master would enforce sections ----- of the Constitution.

A communication from the Secretary of ----- Lodge, ----- Halifax, N. S., dated ----- 19 --, requesting this Lodge to confer the third degree upon Bro. H. E. P.

The W.M. instructed the Secretary to forward for the half year ending 24th June, 19 ----, together with all fees and dues required by the Constitution, and at the same time explain that the delay in forwarding same was caused by the unavoidable absence from home of the W.M. and Secretary.

It was moved by Bro. E. A., seconded by Bro. F. C., that the Secretary be instructed to notify

-----Lodge, No.----, located at Halifax, N. S., that this Lodge would cheerfully comply with its request to confer the third degree on Bro. H. E. P.

Communications were read from Lisgar Lodge, No. 2, dated-----, 19---, notifying this Lodge of the suspension for non-payment of dues of Bros. E. C., J. H. and W. D. J., and of the rejection of Bros. M. P. and S. D. N., candidates for initiation, and Bro. J. B., a candidate for affiliation.

The communications were received, and the names ordered to be entered in the black book.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

On motion of Bro. H. H. M., seconded by Bro. A. D. M., the following accounts were passed, and warrants for their payment ordered to be issued when duly certified:—

GENERAL BUSINESS

It was moved by Bro. T. W. L., seconded by Bro. A. A. A., and adopted—That the Secretary be instructed to procure fifty copies of the Constitution, one Secretary's ledger (printed headings), and one black book, and that a cheque in favor of the Grand Secretary, for the sum of \$---, be issued for same

It was moved by Bro. W. M. T., seconded by Bro. H. S. P. and adopted—That the Secretary be instructed to have suitably bound, Volume IV. of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the years 1895 to 1899, inclusive.

It was moved by Bro. M. J., seconded by Bro. A. M., That the Secretary be instructed to notify -----Lodge, No.-----, that this Lodge consents to its receiving and acting upon the petition of W. R., who resides in the jurisdiction of this Lodge, but who was formerly a resident of -----, where the said Lodge is located.

The motion was put and declared lost.

A communication was read from Bro. H. J. G., stating that he had received a notice from the Secretary to appear at this meeting, and show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. He expressed his regret that owing to sickness he had been unable to work, and requested the Lodge to grant him an extension of three months

It was moved by Bro. G. S. W., seconded by Bro. R. A., and adopted—That Bro. H. J. G. be granted an extension of three months for the payment of his dues.

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

The Secretary reported that he had notified Bros. C. A. M., F. W., W. A. C., and H. J. G., by registered letter, to appear at this meeting and show cause why they should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. Bros. C. A. M., F. W. and W. A. C., not having appeared, and having failed to give a satisfactory reason for their delinquency, the W. M. formally declared them suspended.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT MEMBERS

The Secretary reported that Bros. M. A. F., F. H. Y. and P. S. H., were over one year in arrears for dues. The W.M. therefore instructed him to summons the brethren to appear at the next regular meeting to show cause why they should not be suspended for non-payment of dues.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Secretary read the names of brethren entitled to hold office and vote in the Lodge (no brother one year or over in arrears being entitled to vote or hold office.)

The Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The W.M. appointed Bros. to be scrutiners of the ballot, and the following were declared to be duly elected, namely: (Here insert the names and offices.)

CANDIDATES IN WAITING

W. T. L. and A. E. Y., candidates for initiation were reported as in waiting.

The Lodge was opened in the first degree at p.m.

OBJECTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Bro. J. E. D. objected to the initiation of A. E. Y., one of the candidates in waiting.

The W.M. appointed Bros. a committee, with power to enquire into the cause of objection, and report at the next regular meeting.

BOARD OF TRIAL

The W.M. appointed Bros. a board of trial to put the necessary questions to W. T. L., a candidate for initiation. (If more than one give names in full, and say "candidates.")

The board of trial having reported to the W. M. that the candidate had answered the necessary questions, and the candidate having been properly prepared, he was (or they were severally) initiated into the first degree of Free Masonry.

PASSING

Bros. A. E. M. and W. E. H., candidates for advancement, were examined in open Lodge as to their proficiency, and directed to retire.

The Lodge was opened in the second degree at
-----p.m.

Bro. G. H. H. objected to the advancement of Bro. A. E. M.

The W.M. appointed Bros. a committee, with power to enquire into the cause of the objection, and report at the next regular meeting.

No objection being made, Bro. W. E. H., having been found worthy of advancement, and having been properly prepared, he was (or they were severally) passed to the second or Fellow-Craft degree.

RAISING

Bro. (or Bros.) -----, a candidate (or candidates) for further advancement, was (or were) examined in open Lodge as to his (or their) proficiency, and directed to retire.

The Lodge was then opened in the third degree at -----p.m.

No objection being made, and Bro. P. F. having been found well skilled, he was (or they were severally) raised to the third or sublime degree of Master Mason.

CALLING FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

The Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at -----o'clock.

CALLING FROM REFRESHMENT TO LABOR.

The Lodge resumed labor at -----o'clock.

The Secretary reported the following receipts since the last regular meeting (including this meeting):

W. T. L., initiation fee, \$ -----; W. E. S., dues, \$ -----; W. S. S., dues, \$ -----; A. P., dues, \$. ----

CLOSING THE LODGE

The rough minutes of the meeting were then submitted for approval and correction.

The Lodge was closed in harmony in the degree (or severally in the third, second and first degrees) atp.m.

Confirmed in open Lodge (give date) A.L. 59 ----,
A.D. 19 ----

W.M.

Secretary.

FORM FOR RECORDING LODGE MINUTES

EMERGENT MEETINGS

An emergent meeting ofLodge, No ----,
G.R.S., was held in the Masonic Hall ----, on ----
-----evening, -----A.D. 19 ----

PRESENT.

The Lodge was opened in the third (or severally in the first, second and third) degrees atp.m

The W.M. explained that he had called this meeting for the following reasons, namely:

That the usual written declaration of E. F. C., a candidate for initiation, had been submitted to him by Bros. E. G. C. and G. D. M., that the candidate proposed had just reached the age of twenty-one years, and was desirous of being received into Free Masonry, as he was about to leave for a distant portion of the country, remote from any Lodge, and perhaps would not return to the city for one or two years.

The W.M. further explained that he had considered the emergency proper; had appointed a committee consisting of Bros. -----, and that each member has been given the requisite seven days' notice.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

The committee on the petition of E. F. C., for initiation, reported favorably.

Previous to the ballot being taken, the W.M. caused the proposition and the emergency stated to be recorded in the minufe book.

The W.M. ordered the ballot to be passed for E. F. C., the candidate for initiation, and being found favorable, he was declared elected.

The Lodge was opened in the first degree at ----- p.m.

BOARD OF TRIAL

The W.M. appointed Bros. ----- a board of trial to put the necessary questions to E. F. C., a candidate for initiation.

INITIATION OF CANDIDATES (as in Form No. 4)

The Lodge was closed in harmony in the ----- degree at ----- p.m.

Confirmed in open Lodge (give date) A.L. 59
-----, A.D.-----

W.M.

Secretary.

AT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

A meeting of ----- Lodge, No. ----- G.R.S.,
was held in the Masonic Hall ----- on -----
evening, A.L. 59 -----, A.D. 19 -----

(Give names of those present as in Form No. 4.)

The Lodge was opened in the third (or severally
in the first, second and third) degrees at ----- p.m.

(State the hour.)

The minutes of the regular meeting, held on -----
-----, so far as the same relates to the election of
officers, were read and confirmed.

The Lodge was opened in the second degree at
----- (state the hour.)

Bro. -----, the Worshipful Master-elect, was
then presented to the installing Master, and having
answered the necessary questions, and having given
his assent to the antient charges and regulations,
he was obligated in due form.

The Lodge was then opened in the third degree at
----- (state the hour.)

The new W.M. was installed and proclaimed in
the third degree, and saluted by the brethren in due
form.

The Lodge was closed in the third degree at -----
o'clock.

The W.M. was proclaimed for the second time,
and was saluted in due form.

The Lodge was closed in the second degree at ----
----o'clock.

The W.M. was proclaimed for the third time, and saluted with the customary honors.

The Lodge resumed labor in the second degree at -----o'clock. The following officers were then installed and invested. (Here insert the names and offices.)

(Here may follow the appointment of trustees, auditors or committees.)

The Lodge was then closed severally in the second and first degrees at -----p.m.

W.M.

Secretary.

CERTIFICATE OF STANDING (WHEN A BROTHER
HAS PAID ALL DUES).

These presents are to certify that Bro.....
who has signed his name in the margin hereof, has
resigned and withdrawn from membership of this
Lodge being.....Lodge numbered....in the
registry of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and that his
resignation has been accepted in open Lodge on the
....day of....A.L. 59....

And further that he has paid all dues and retires in good standing.

Given under the seal of the Lodge this
...day of.....A.L. 59..., at.....in the
Province of Alberta.

(L. S.).....

Worshipful Master:

.....

Secretary.

CERTIFICATES OF STANDING (WHEN A BROTHER
IS OWING DUES):

These presents are to certify that Bro.....
who has signed his name in the margin hereof has
resigned and withdrawn from the membership of
this Lodge being.....Lodge numbered....in
the registry of the Grand Lodge of Alberta; and
that his resignation has been accepted in open
Lodge on the....day of....A.L. 59....

And further that his dues to this Lodge are.....
dollars.

Given under the seal of the Lodge this.....day
of.....A.L. 59.... at..... in the Province
of Alberta.

(L. S.).....

W.M.

.....

Secretary..

BEQUEST TO GRAND LODGE.

I give and bequeath to the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the time being, of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons the sum ofto be handed over by them to the said Grand Lodge and placed to the credit of the Benevolent Fund thereof, to be used for any purpose for which such Benevolent Fund is or may hereafter be used, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the said Grand Lodge.

DIMIT

.....Lodge, No.....
Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

To all Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,
greeting:

The Worshipful Master and Wardens of
.....Lodge, No....., A.F. &
A.M., working under a charter from the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, do hereby certify
that Bro.....(who has written
his name in the margin of this certificate),
is a Master Mason in good standing; and is
hereby, at his own request; discharged
from membership in our said Lodge.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto
subscribed our names, and caused the
seal of our said lodge to be affixed at
....., this.....day of
A.D. 19....., A.L. 59.....

(Seal)

.....W.M.
.....Secretary.

Signature

FORMS FOR MASONIC TRIALS

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren
of -----Lodge, No -----

Brother -----is hereby charged with immoral and unmasonic conduct in the matters following:—

First specification—That the said -----on the -----day of -----, A.L. 59 ----, A.D. 19 ----, in the public street, at -----, was in a state of intoxication from the use of strong and spirituous liquors, in violation of his duty as a Mason, and to the scandal and disgrace of the Craft.

Second specification—That the said -----on the -----day of -----, A.L. 59 ----, A.D. 19 ---- at said -----, and at divers other times and places between that time and the date of these charges, was intoxicated by strong and spirituous liquor, although admonished therefor by the Master and Wardens of this Lodge, in violation of his duty as a Mason, and to the scandal and disgrace of the Craft.

It is therefore demanded that the said -----be tried for the said offences according to Masonic law and usage.

Dated the -----day of ----, A.L. 59 ----, A.D., 19 ----

A new specification should be added for each separate statement of facts constituting a Masonic offence. The specifications should be stated as they are expected to be proved, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances, briefly but distinctly. A few forms are given, but it is obviously impossible to prepare a form for each case that may occur; it is hoped, as no technicality is required, the forms given may suggest the form in other cases.

FOR SLANDER

That the said ----- did, on the ----- day of ----- A.L. 59 -----, A.D. 19 -----, at ----- in the presence and hearing of ----- and others, use the following slanderous words of and concerning (here insert the name of person or Lodge slandered), (then set out the words as near as possible.)

FOR CHEATING

That the said ----- on the ----- day of -----, A.L. 59 -----, A.D. 19 -----, at ----- did wrong, cheat and defraud (here insert the name of the person or Lodge defrauded), by (here insert a description of the method of cheating used.)

FOR THREATENING TO INJURE THE LODGE BY BLACKBALLING CANDIDATES

That the said ----- on the ----- day of -----, A.L. 59 -----, A.D. 19 -----, at ----- did threaten to impede the work of the Lodge by an improper use of the black-ball, in the following language (here insert the language used as perfectly as possible.)

FORM OF NOTICE TO THE ACCUSED WHEN TESTIMONY
IS TAKEN IN THE LODGE

To Bro.

You are hereby notified that at a regular meeting of Lodge, No., A.F. & A.M., G.R. of Saskatchewan, held at on the day of 19...., charges were preferred against you for unmasonic conduct, a true copy of which is hereto annexed, and which said charge or charges were accepted by a majority vote of the Lodge, and you were ordered to be placed on trial.

You are further notified that a meeting of the said Lodge will be held in the at the of on the day of at o'clock p.m., for the trial of the said charge (or charges).

And you are further notified to appear at said time, in person, or by some brother authorized in writing to act as your counsel, and make defence to said charge (or charges).

Given under my hand and the seal of the said Lodge, No., at this day of, A.L. 59...., A.D. 19....

By Order of the Worshipful Master,
(Seal of the Lodge.)

.....Secretary.

CERTIFICATE OF PERSONAL SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the day of A.L. 59...., A.D. 19....., I gave to the within named (or left at the residence of the

said_____ or with a grown-up member of his family), a notice of which the within is a duplicate, with an attested copy of the charge annexed.

Dated at_____ this_____ day of_____
A.L. 59_____, A.D. 19_____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I hereby certify that on the_____ day of_____
A.L. 59_____, A.D. 19_____, I mailed a notice, of which the within is a duplicate, with an attested copy of the charge annexed, to Bro_____ at_____
in the Province (or District, State or Country), that being his last known postoffice address, in a registered letter, the receipt for which letter from an official or employee of the postoffice is hereunto annexed.

Dated at_____ this_____ day of_____
A.L. 59_____, A.D. 19_____

FORM OF NOTICE TO THE ACCUSED WHEN TESTIMONY IS TAKEN BY A COMMITTEE

To Bro_____

Take notice that in the matter of the complaint preferred against you in_____ Lodge, No_____
by Bro_____, the Worshipful Master has appointed Bros_____ a committee to take the testimony of witnesses, Masons or non-Masons, at which time both the accuser and the accused, in person or by a brother Master Mason, as council or representative, shall be entitled to be present.

Given under my hand and the seal of.....
 Lodge, No....., G. R. M., at.....this.....
 day of....., A. L. 59....., A. D. 19.....

By order of the Worshipful Master,
 (Seal)

.....Secretary

The Secretary should keep a duplicate copy of the notice to the accused, which should be attached to the original complaint and specifications, and upon which he should make a return of the time and manner of service.

FORM OF RETURN OF SERVICE OF NOTICE TO THE
 ACCUSED.

I certify that on the.....day of.....
 A. L. 59....., A. D. 19....., (I gave the within-named
in hand) a notice, of which the
 above is a true copy.

Dated the.....day of....., A. L. 59..... A. D.
 19.....

.....Secretary

.....Lodge, No.....

In place of the clause in parenthesis may be the following
 as the truth may be.

(I deposited in the post office at.....
 enclosed in an envelope, securely sealed, and direct-
 ed as follows (give the direction on the letter as sent),
 "If not called for within ten days, return to.....
" The postage was paid thereon, and the letter
 was registered, and has (not) been returned to me.)

The Secretary should send a similar notice to the accused

FORM OF SUMMONS TO MASON AS WITNESS

To Bro.

You are hereby summoned and required to attend an emergent meeting (or a meeting of the committee) of Lodge, No., to be held at the Lodge room, on the day of A.L. 59, A.D. 19, at o'clock p.m., and there testify what you know relative to a charge preferred by Brother against Brother

Dated the day of, A.L. 59, A.D., 19

By order of the Worshipful Master,

..... Secretary.

(Seal)

..... Lodge, No.

The person serving the summons should make upon a copy of it a return of the time and mode of service.

FORM OF RETURN OF SERVICE, OF SUMMONS OF WITNESS

I certify that on the day of A.L. 59, A.D. I gave to the within-named in hand, a summons, of which the above is a true copy.

..... Secretary.

If the service was made in any other mode, as by registered letter, etc., the returns should state the exact mode of service.

Should occasion arise for taking the deposition of a witness the Master should issue a commission to some Master Mason to take such deposition.

FORM OF COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

To

You are hereby authorized to take the deposition in writing of of what he knows relating to a charge and specifications made to Lodge, No., by Brother against Brother, you will give reasonable notice in writing to both parties, of the time, and place appointed by you for taking such deposition; the deponent will testify upon his honor; both parties may be present with their counsel, and put such questions as they may please and are relevant. If any question be proposed to the propriety or relevancy of which objection is made you will write the question at length as asked; you will then write the objection, after which you will propose the question to the deponent, and write his answer, in the exact words used by him as near as possible. The deposition being completed, you will read the same to the deponent, and after he has signed it, you will securely seal the same, together with this commission and your return of your doings thereon, in an envelope in his presence, and return the same to Lodge, No.

Dated at day of, A.L. 59
, A.D. 19

By order of the Worshipful Master,

..... Secretary,

..... Lodge, No.

(Seal.)

NOTICE TO PARTIES OF TAKING DEPOSITION

To Brotherand Brother

Take notice that on theday of
 A.L. 59, A.D. 19, at, inat
o'clock in thenoon, by virtue of a
 commission sent to me from Worshipful Master of
Lodge, No., I shall take
 the deposition ofwhat he knows
 relating to a charge and specifications made to
Lodge, No., by Brother
 against Brother

Dated theday of, A.L. 59, A.D.,
 19

 APPOINTED TO TAKE SUCH DEPOSITION

A return of the service should be made as in other cases.

No particular form is necessary in the deposition, the only object being to give, so far as practicable, the language and manner of the witness. If objection is made to any question as leading or irrelevant, or for any other cause, the question the objection and the answer should each be written, that the Lodge may judge of the propriety of the question and answer. If any objection is made to the person appointed to take the deposition, or to any other part of the proceedings, it should be made and noted in the return to the commission. The commencement of the deposition may be as follows:

 FORM OF COMMENCEMENT OF DEPOSITION

I, of, on my honor (as a
 Mason) declare and say, etc., etc.

To be signed by party giving evidence.

FORM OF RETURN OF COMMISSION TO TAKE A
DEPOSITION.

Pursuant to the annexed commission, on the
-----day of -----, A.L. 59 ----, A.D. 19 ----,
I notified both the parties, in writing, that on the
-----day of -----, A.L. 59 ----, A.D. 19 ----
at -----in -----at -----o'clock, in the -----noon
I should take the deposition of the said -----
and at the same time and place the appended de-
position was given, the parties being present and
putting such questions as they pleased. After such
deposition had been reduced to writing, it was by
me read to said deponent, who afterwards signed
the same.

(The accused objected to the caption, because
the notice given him was too short to enable him
to get his counsel present.)

Dated the -----day of -----, A.L. 59 ----,
A.D., 19 -----

APPOINTED TO TAKE SUCH DEPOSITION.

If either party was not present, the return should show
who was present and who was absent.

If any other objection is made to the deposition, or any
part of it, the person appointed to take it will not attempt
to judge of the validity of the objection, but will return it,
with such facts as may be necessary to the proper under-
standing of it, to the Lodge for their judgment. He should
place the commission, copy of notice to the parties, return of
service thereon, and the deposition, in an envelope, securely
seal the same, and direct it as follows:

FORM OF DIRECTION ON SEALED ENVELOPE CONTAINING DEPOSITION AND OTHER PAPERS.

To -----Lodge, No.-----, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons:—

Enclosed is the deposition and accompanying papers of -----, taken to be used in the matter of the charge of Brother ----- against Brother -----, now pending in said Lodge. Taken and sealed up by me, in the presence of the deponent, this -----day of ----- A.L. 59 ----, A.D. 19 ----

APPOINTED TO TAKE SUCH DEPOSITION

If any papers are produced, they should be marked with letters or numbers, and referred to thereby in the deposition, and then attached to it.

On the day appointed, the W. Master having opened a meeting of the Lodge in the third degree, the complaint, specifications, notices to the accused and to the complainant, the answer of the accused, and reply, if any, are read. If any objection exists to the regularity of any of the proceedings, it should then be made, when the Lodge will proceed to determine it. There being none or having been overruled, the evidence is then presented. If any objection is made to any part of the evidence, the Lodge will by vote determine upon it. The evidence having all been presented, the counsel or the parties will be permitted to make such remarks, pertinent to the case, as they may wish, when the parties with their counsel will retire, and the Lodge will then proceed to determine the question of the guilt and the nature of the punishment.

NOTICE TO COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO TAKE
EVIDENCE

To Brothers of Lodge, No.
....., A. F. & A. M.

Take notice that the Worshipful Master of
Lodge, No., A. F. & A. M., has appointed
you a committee to take evidence in the matter of
certain charges preferred in said Lodge, on the
..... day of, A.L. 59, A.D. 19,
by Brother against Brother
and you are hereby directed to proceed to take all
the proofs and evidence pertaining to the said
charges, and to report the same in writing, with
your proceedings, to the said Lodge, with all con-
venient speed.

Dated day of A.L. 59,
A.D. 19

By order of the Worshipful Master.

(Seal.)

..... Secretary,
..... Lodge, No.

FORM OF RECORD OF SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE
PURPOSE OF MASONIC TRIAL.

A meeting of Lodge, No.
G.R.S., A.F. & A.M., was held at on
..... the day of, A.L.
59, A.D., 19, at o'clock, p.m.

Present: W ----- Master, etc.

(The full Christian and surname, with the initials at least of all middle names, of all officers and members should appear.)

The Lodge was opened in the third degree of Masonry.

This meeting was called for the special purpose of considering the charge and specifications made by Brother ----- against Brother -----

The complaint, specifications, notices, returns, answer of the accused, and reply (if any) were read, and the committee having reported the evidence, it was presented and read to the Lodge, and the parties by their counsel, having been heard, then retired with their counsel.

The question "Is the accused guilty or not guilty?" was then determined by ballot, each member of the Lodge present voting, and upon examination the vote was declared by the Worshipful Master to stand as follows: For guilty, -----, for not guilty, ----- A majority not having voted guilty, the Lodge adjudged against conviction.

A majority having voted guilty, a second ballot was taken to determine the sentence, on which the members present voted for "indefinite suspension," "definite suspension," "reprimand," or a recommendation to the Grand Lodge that the offender be expelled, and upon examination the largest number of votes cast was for -----

If "expulsion" be the sentence adjudged, the judgment shall be reported to the Grand Lodge for decision.

If "reprimand" be the sentence, Bro. was then introduced, when the Worshipful Master proceeded to administer the reprimand in open Lodge.

There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony until the next regular meeting.

-----Secretary.

Confirmed -----, A.L. 59 ----, A.D.
19 ----, ----- W. Master.

FORM OF RECORD OF EVIDENCE, ETC., BEFORE
COMMITTEE.

At a special meeting of the committee of -----
-----Lodge, No. ----, held at ----- on the
----- day of -----, A.L. 59 ----, A.D.
19 ----, for the purpose of taking evidence in the
matter of the charges and specifications made by
Brother ----- against Brother ----
-----, the charges and specifications
were first read.

The notices to the accused and the accuser to appear before the committee with the returns to the same, were then read as follows: (Here copy the notices and returns.)

The answer and reply, if any were read:

Brother ----- requested that -----
not a Mason might be admitted to assist him as his
counsel, which was refused by the Lodge, it being
contrary to the Constitution to admit as counsel
any person not a Mason.

Brother ----- then requested Brother
----- to assist him as counsel,
who consented to do so.

Brother ----- then objected to the
second specification as not being sufficiently definite
and certain, which was over-ruled by the committee.

Brother ----- was then called as a wit-
ness by the accuser in support of said charges, and
testified as a Master Mason as follows: I reside in
-----, am a member of ----- Lodge,
No. ----- in good standing. I am well
acquainted with Brother ----- I saw
him on ----- street, in ----- on the
----- day of -----, A.L. 59 -----, A.D.
19 -----, I was on the opposite side of the street, he
appeared to be much intoxicated -----

Objection was made to witness testifying as to
the appearance of the accused, saying that he should
state what the accused did, and how he acted; not
stating his appearance as being, but stating his con-
clusion from what he saw; but the objection was
over-ruled.

I saw him five or ten minutes; he reeled as he
walked, etc. (as the facts may be.)

On cross examination he further testified: I knew that Brother-----had been sick for several days. Am a physician; do not think Brother-----'s reeling and staggering while walking was the result of weakness, caused by his sickness. Can conceive of a man being so weak from sickness, long continued, as to reel like a man intoxicated. Am certain this could not have been the case with Brother-----Have none but the kindest feelings towards Brother-----May have said he was drinking too much of late, etc.

Mr.-----was then called as a witness by the complainant, and testified on his honor as follows: (Here give the testimony as in the case of the first witness.)

On cross-examination Mr.-----further testified, etc. (Here give the cross-examination.)

The accused then offered the deposition of Brother-----

Objection was further made because the notice given the accused was too short to enable him to get his counsel present, which appearing to be the fact the deposition was rejected.

The evidence on the part of the accuser here closed.

Brother-----on behalf of Brother-----then offered the affidavit of Mr.-----to which the accuser objected, on the grounds that Mr.-----should be produced for cross-examination, and the affidavit was rejected by the committee.

Mr. was then called as a witness and the accuser then consented that the affidavit might be read, which was read accordingly, and is annexed, marked (B).

On cross-examination Mr. further testified, etc.

The evidence was then closed.

 COMMITTEE.

These minutes are thus given in a somewhat extended form, because they present a convenient way of calling attention to certain facts and proceedings in the course of a trial. Thus, the statement of objections by either party and the grounds of them, and the decision of the Committee thereon, both of which should always be stated; that a person not a Mason was not permitted to act as counsel; that the accused had or had not counsel; that the first witness testified in his character as a Master Mason; that the testimony is taken down as near as practicable in the words of the witness, etc.; that an affidavit taken without the knowledge of the other party was not admitted, etc.

FORM OF NOTICE OF CONVICTION

To

Take notice that a meeting of
 Lodge, No., held at on the
 day of, A.L. 59, A.D.
 19, upon consideration of the charges and specifications made by Brother against
 you, it was adjudged and determined by the Lodge
 that you are guilty of the offence specified in said
 charge and specifications and that you be

(or be suspended) or your expulsion by Grand Lodge recommended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

By order of the Worshipful Master.

(Seal.) ----- Secretary.
 ----- Lodge, No. -----

FORM OF REPORT TO GRAND MASTER

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand
 Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient Free and
 Accepted Masons:

The following are true copies of all the papers
 and proceedings. in and by ----- Lodge, No.
 ----- in the matter of the charge made by
 Brother ----- against Brother -----
 (Here copy everything.)

(Seal.) ----- W. Master.

Attest: ----- Lodge, No. -----

----- Secretary.

FORM OF RETURN TO GRAND LODGE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Saskatche-
 wan, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons:

The following are true copies of all the papers
 and proceedings in and by ----- Lodge, No. -----
 in the matter of the charge made by Brother -----
 ----- against Brother -----
 (Here copy everything as before.)

(Seal.) -----W. Master

Attest:

-----Secretary, Lodge, No.-----

FORM OF APPEAL

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons:

The undersigned -----hereby appeals to you from the decision of -----Lodge, No.----- in the matter of certain charges and specifications preferred in the said Lodge, against this appellant, by Brother-----, whereby this appellant was convicted of the said charge and specifications, and sentence of suspension or expulsion passed against him, and he specifies the following as the grounds of his appeal, namely:

1. That the charges and specifications do not contain any Masonic offence.

2. That the charges and specifications are vague, uncertain and insufficient.

3. That the evidence was not sufficient to warrant the conviction.

4. That the penalty is disproportionate to the offence.

5. That the Lodge erred in refusing to admit the declaration of ----- (Any other special or general grounds of appeal may be stated.)

All of which appears by the papers, proceedings and evidence in the case.

Dated at ----- this day of ----- A.L. 59 --
A.D. 19 ----

FORM OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

To -----

Take notice that I have taken an appeal from the decision of ----- Lodge, No. ----, in the matter of the charges and specifications made by you against me, and that I shall prosecute the same at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, on the ----- day of ----- A. L. 59 ----, A.D. 19 ----

This notice should be served as other notices, and a return made, which the appellant should submit with the appeal to the Grand Lodge.

The appeal by the complainant, and notice, should be like the above, with the necessary alterations, which can easily be made.

FORM OF PETITION FOR RESTORATION

To the W.M., Officers and members of -----
Lodge, No. -----, G.R.S., of Ancient Free
and Accepted Masons:

The undersigned ----- respectfully represents that he was formerly a member of said Lodge. That on or about the ----- day of ----- A.L. 59 ----, A.D. 19 ----, he was tried for un-masonic conduct upon charges preferred against him in said Lodge; that upon due conviction of said charges, the said Lodge passed sentence of suspension against him, and he was subsequently expelled by Grand Lodge, which sentence is now in full force and effect.

That he is desirous of being restored to the rights and benefits of Masonry, and he hereby solemnly promises upon his honor that, if such restoration shall be granted him, he will ever yield a cheerful obedience to all the laws, rules and customs of the fraternity.

Wherefore he respectfully prays the said Lodge to recommend to the Grand Lodge that he be restored to his Masonic rights and membership aforesaid.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

Dated this.....day of....., A.L. 59....
A.D. 19....

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Recommended by

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Petitions for dispensation to form a new Lodge may be obtained, when required, from the Grand Secretary.

Charges

CHARGE TO NEWLY INITIATED CANDIDATE.

As you have now passed through the ceremony of your initiation, allow me to congratulate you on being admitted a member of our ancient and honorable society. Ancient, as having subsisted from time immemorial, and honorable because by a natural tendency it conduces to make all those honorable who are strictly obedient to its precepts. Indeed no institution can boast a more solid foundation than that on which Freemasonry rests—"the practice of every social and moral virtue;" and to so high an eminence has its credit been advanced, that in every age, monarchs themselves have been promoters of the art; have not thought it derogatory from their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the gravel; have patronized our mysteries and joined our assemblies. As a Mason, I would first recommend to your most serious contemplation the volume of the sacred law, charging you to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate your actions by the divine precepts which it contains. Therein you will be taught the important duties you owe to God, to your neighbor and to yourself. To God, by never mentioning His name but with that awe and reverence which are due

from the creature to the creator, by imploring his aid on all your lawful undertakings, and by looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support; to your neighbor by acting with him on the square, by rendering him every kind office which justice or mercy may require, by relieving his distresses, by soothing his afflictions, and by doing to him, as in similar cases, you should wish he should do unto you; and to yourself, by such a prudent and well regulated course of discipline as may best conduce to the preservation of your corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energies; thereby enabling you to exert those talents wherewith God has blest you, as well to his glory as to the welfare of your fellow creatures

As a citizen of the world, I am next to enjoin you to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties by never proposing, or at all countenancing, any act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws of any state which may for a time become the place of your residence or afford you its protection; and, above all, by never losing sight of the allegiance due to the sovereign of your native land, ever remembering that nature has implanted in your breast a sacred and indissoluble attachment to that country from which you derived your birth and infant nurturing.

As an individual I am further to recommend the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue. Let prudence direct you; temperance chasten you; fortitude support you; and justice be the guide of all your actions, and be especially careful to maintain in their fullest splendor those truly Masonic ornaments "benevolence and charity."

Still, however as a Mason there are other excellencies of character to which your attention may be peculiarly and forcibly directed; among the foremost of these are "secrecy, fidelity and obedience."

"Secrecy" may be said to consist in the inviolable adherence to the obligations you have entered into, never improperly to reveal any of those Masonic secrets which have now been, or may at any future time be, entrusted to your keeping, and cautiously to shun all occasions which might inadvertently lead you so to do.

Your "fidelity" must be exemplified by a strict observance of the Constitution of the Fraternity; by adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order; by never attempting to extort, or otherwise unduly obtain the secrets of a superior degree, and by refraining to recommend any one to a participation of our secrets, unless you have strong ground to believe that, by a similar fidelity, he will ultimately reflect honor on our choice.

So must your "obedience" be proved by a close conformity to all our laws and regulations; by prompt attention to all signs and summonses; by modest and correct demeanor whilst in the Lodge; by abstaining from every topic of religious or political discussion; by ready acquiescence in all votes and resolutions duly passed by the brethren, and by perfect submission to the Master and his Wardens whilst acting in the discharge of their respective offices.

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And, as a last general recommendation, let me exhort you to dedicate yourself to such pursuits as may enable you to retain respect in your rank in life, be useful to mankind, and an ornament to the society of which you have been this day admitted a member; to devote your leisure hours more especially to the study of such of the liberal arts and sciences as may lie within the compass of your attainment, and without neglecting the ordinary duties of your station, to consider yourself called upon to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

From the very commendable attention which you appear to have given to this charge, I am led to hope that you will duly appreciate the excellence of Freemasonry, and imprint indelibly on your mind the sacred duties of "truth, of honor and of virtue."

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY PASSED CANDIDATE.

Brother,—Being advanced to the Second Degree of Masonry, we congratulate you on your perferment. The internal and not the external qualifications of a man are what Masonry regards. As you increase in knowledge, so you will consequently improve in social intercourse. It is unnecessary for me to recapitulate the duties, which, as a Mason, you are now bound to discharge, or to enlarge on the necessity of a strict adherence to them, as your own experience must have established their value. It may be sufficient to observe, that as your past behaviour and regular deportment have merited the honor which we have conferred, in your new character it is expected that you will not only con-

form to the principles of the Order but steadily persevere in the practice of every virtue. The study of the liberal arts, that valuable branch of education which tends so effectually to polish and adorn the mind, is earnestly recommended to your consideration—especially geometry, which is established as a basis of our art. Geometry or Masonry, originally synonymous terms, is of a divine or moral nature enriched with the most useful knowledge, so that while it proves the wonderful properties of nature, it demonstrates the more important truths of morality.

As the solemnity of our ceremonies requires a serious deportment, you are to be particularly attentive to your behaviour at our regular assemblies. You are to preserve our ancient usages and customs sacred and inviolable, and induce others, by your example, to hold them in due veneration.

The laws and regulations of the Order you are strenuously to support and maintain. You are not to palliate or aggravate the offences of the brethren, but in the decision of every trespass against our rules judge with candor, admonish with firmness and reprehend with mercy.

As a Craftsman, in our private assemblies, you may offer your sentiments and opinions on such subjects as are regularly introduced in the lecture, under the superintendence of an experienced Master who will guard the landmarks against encroachment. By this privilege you may improve your intellectual powers; qualify yourself to become a useful member of society; and like a skillful Craftsman, strive to excel in what is good and great.

You are to encourage industry and reward merit ; supply the want and relieve the necessity of brethren and fellows to the utmost of your power and ability, and on no account wrong them or see them wronged, but apprise them of approaching danger, and view their interest as inseparable from your own.

Such is the nature of your engagements as a Craftsman; and these duties you are now bound, by the most sacred ties, to observe.

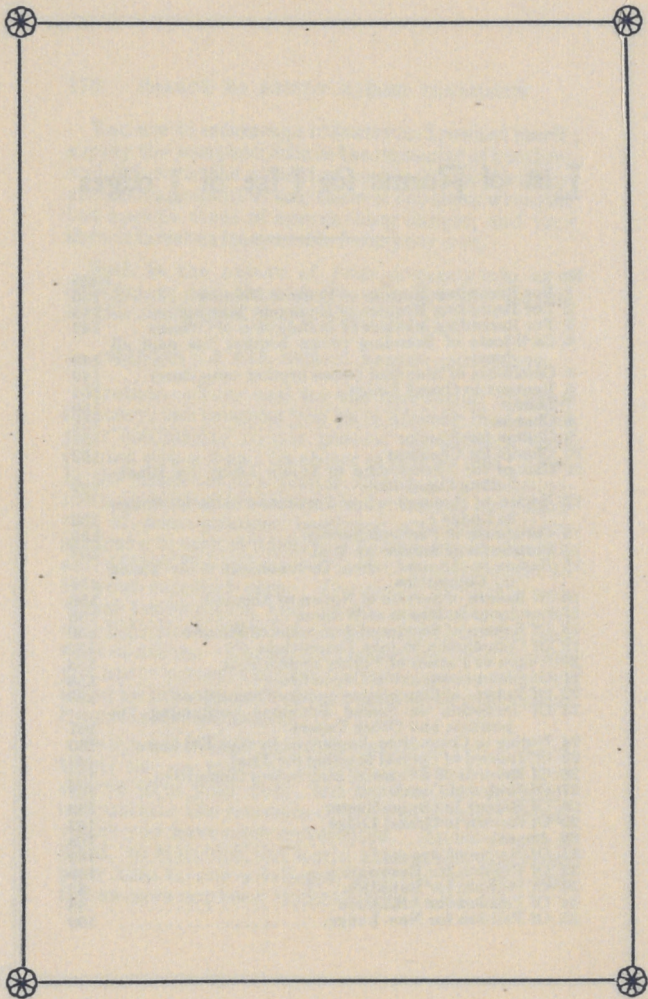
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Brother.—Your zeal for the institution of Freemasonry, the progress you have already made, and your conformity to our general regulations, have pointed you out as a fit object of esteem and favor. In the character of a Master Mason, you are henceforth authorized to correct the errors and irregularities of your younger brethren, and guard them against a breach of fidelity. To improve the morals and correct the manners of men in society ought to be your constant care. You are to inculcate universal benevolence, and by the regularity of your own behaviour, afford the best example for the conduct of others. The ancient landmarks of the order you are to preserve sacred and inviolable, and never suffer an infringement of our customs, or a deviation from established usages.

Duty, honor and gratitude now bind you to your trust; let no motive, therefore, ever make you swerve from your duty, but be true and faithful, and imitate the example of that celebrated artist, whom you have once represented. Endeavor, in a word, to convince the world that merit has been your title to our privileges, and that on you our favors have not been undeservedly bestowed.

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